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## Tourism Pathways in Post-Industrial Destinations: Using Industrial Heritage for Sustainable Development

Call for Papers

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## Turyzm/Tourism journal thematic issue

We are pleased to announce a forthcoming thematic issue of the Turyzm/Tourism journal dedicated to the theme:

### **Tourism pathways in post-industrial destinations: using industrial heritage for sustainable development.**

In recent years, post-industrial destinations have been confronted with a fundamental question: what development paradigm can follow the decline of industrial monocultures? In many such regions, tourism – particularly industrial heritage tourism – has emerged as a potential pathway towards economic renewal. Yet this pathway is neither neutral nor inevitable.

Post-industrial destinations are not fully coherent or smoothly transitioning systems. Rather, they are uneven, contested and often weakly integrated configurations in which industrial legacies – both material and immaterial – continue to shape institutional norms, cultural identities, governance and planning practices, as well as economic and social development trajectories. Within these local and regional systems, tourism may contribute to diversification, resilience and sustainability, or it may reproduce new forms of monocultural dependence.

Please share this call for papers with colleagues and networks working on post-industrial destinations, industrial heritage and tourism development.

## Contributions

This thematic issue invites innovative, critical and future-oriented contributions that explore the role of tourism in post-industrial destinations from both conceptual and empirical perspectives. We are particularly (though not exclusively) interested in work that:

- Examines the role of tourism in the economies, societies and environments of post-industrial destinations.
- Investigates the economic, social, environmental and spatial risks of replacing one economic monoculture with another.
- Analyses industrial heritage as a focal development resource, including its conservation, interpretation, commodification, planning and governance.
- Explores how industrial heritage tourism relates to sustainability, resilience and evolutionary approaches to regional and local development.

- Addresses tensions between conservation and transformation, heritage and regeneration, global branding and local agency.
- Reflects on UNESCO World Heritage contexts and other heritage designations in post-industrial settings.
- Examines community engagement, participation and power relations in the governance of post-industrial destinations.
- Develops theoretical or methodological frameworks for understanding tourism pathways in heritage-conditioned systems.

## Important dates

- 12 June 2026 – **Abstract submission.** Authors are invited to submit an abstract proposal directly to Tomasz Napierała ([tomasz.napierala@geo.uni.lodz.pl](mailto:tomasz.napierala@geo.uni.lodz.pl)). The length of the abstract proposal for editorial consideration is between 250-500 words. For empirical papers, the abstract should clarify the purpose, methodological framework, expected findings, practical implications and novelty of the study; for theoretical articles – the theoretical background, conceptual approach, discussion and conceptual implications, as well as the novelty of the contribution.
- 19 June 2026 – **Editors' decision on submitted abstracts.**
- 4 December 2026 – **Full paper submission.** Please use the online system provided by Lodz University Press and follow the journal's editorial instructions. For further information, visit the website of the *Turyzm/Tourism* journal: <https://czasopisma.uni.lodz.pl/tourism/>.
- 19 March 2027 – **Final editors' decision on submitted and revised papers.**
- 25 June 2027 – **Publication.**

All procedures between full paper submission and the final editors' decision will be conducted on a rolling basis. Therefore, the earlier a full paper is submitted, the sooner authors may receive a final decision. The technical editorial and production process may begin individually for each accepted paper, and completed papers may be made available online in an early view format.

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