

Title: Dialoguing Morality and Mobility in Tourism Studies

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Abstract:

Morality and mobility are central to tourism. Although each of these concepts has gained rather dramatic popularity in tourism studies over the last decade—articulated as moral (Caton, 2012) and mobility (Hannam, 2009) ‘turns’ taken by the field—we have found few examples where these ideas are intentionally merged or considered and grappled with in parallel. In this presentation, we explore the epistemological contours and convergences of these two analytical terrains. We argue that both perspectives are characterized not only by an ontological drive, regarding what aspect of a phenomenon we should foreground in studying it, but also by their capacity to undergird epistemo-political interventions into our ways of being in the world with others. We then illustrate our discussion with examples drawn from work published in a special issue on the theme of “Tourism Moralities and Mobilities,” which we recently guest edited for *Tourist Studies*.