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Tourism development and residents' quality of life

As part of her current PhD study, [Rachel Ruijuan Hu](#) conducted a systematic review residents' quality of life (QOL) in the context of tourism development (TD). Based on 184 journal articles published over the past seven years, this study reveals the theoretical foundations, QOL measurement and TD-QOL nexuses. Future QOL research in tourism is suggested to take account of both tourists' and residents' perspectives and combine subjective and objective measurements.

Emerging research trends on residents' quality of life in the context of tourism development

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QOL, as a multi-dimensional, comprehensive concept geared towards individual happiness and maximum freedom, has appeared in the tourism literature for nearly half a century and has been scrutinised from tourists' and tourism employees' perspectives. Recently, the number of studies on residents' QOL in the context of TD has continued to grow.

Through a systematic review of recent publications on residents' QOL in relation to TD, this study surveys associated dynamics and emerging trends in this field of research. Several patterns are observed: i) geographic areas of interest have expanded from developed economies to developing economies; ii) an array of theories and concepts have been introduced or merged with classic frameworks; iii) subjective composite approaches have dominated residents' QOL measurement; and iv) the direct and indirect influences of TD on residents' QOL constitute a main focus of recent work.



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This study points out several directions for future research: i) establishing a conceptual framework to link tourists' and residents' perspectives on QOL; ii) combining subjective and objective scales to improve generalizability; iii) employing longitudinal designs with innovative methods to offer insight into the dynamics of the TD-QOL nexus; and iv) investigating QOL/well-being from the eudaimonic tradition to accommodate diversified elements and broader perspectives of QOL.

Further Reading:

Hu, R., Li, G., Liu, A. and Chen, J.L. (2022). Emerging Research Trends on Residents' Quality of Life in the Context of Tourism Development. *Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research*

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