

Tourism and Environmental Education

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Present Research Theme

My primary interest is the revitalization of local communities through the promotion of tourism, human geography, and geography/geographical environmental education, resulting in a complete symbiosis of the natural and human environments (human system).

Phrases such as “sustainable community revitalization” have tended to be used in recent regional vitalization efforts, suggesting an increased recognition of the value of utilizing local resources (nature, history, and culture) in such efforts

In this research, I will pay particular attention to the role of local community involvement in revitalization efforts.

To clarify the role of local involvement in revitalization, I have recently conducted a comparative analysis of several communities that have undergone such efforts.

Currently, my focus is on the following:

- (1) Ideal sustainable community revitalization based on geographical environmental education
- (2) Promotion of nature conservation, tourism, and attractions such as World Heritage Sites or Geoparks in local communities
- (3) Various aspects of community development and the role of tourism in small islands
- (4) Awareness of both tourists and local residents regarding environmental preservation and ecotourism