Natural disaster and tourism research: 
Towards the possibility for participatory action research

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Abstract: After the natural disaster in any tourism destinations a number of academics continually published texts in attempts to make sense of the disaster. Frustrations and feelings of inability to do something useful to assist were expressed. This paper addresses the role of tourism researchers after the effects of the disaster and explores how the debate following the disaster can move on to refine researchers' roles in developing knowledge by way of participatory action research (PAR), a research strategy that has received limited attention in tourism research on disasters. The paper begins by situating the debate in the spatial politics of humanitarian work and academic research. Then, discussions that arose among tourism academics in the aftermath of the disaster are presented and potentials for conducting responsible research by engaging with the field are introduced. In the final section, starting with the notion of responsible research, how PAR can potentially bring us forward in developing principles and tools for more responsible tourism research in the context of emergencies reconstruction and rehabilitation after natural disaster is discussed.

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