

DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GEOGRAPHY OF TOURISM IN ITALY

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Abstract

The current study covers the development of an entire subject area in Italian geography. The main goal that we set ourselves for the realization of the work is a bibliographical study in chronological and thematical aspect, aimed both at classical monographical publications, relating to tourism in its geographical boundaries, and also at present-day publications and handbooks that have had widespread response in scientific discussions. The methodology is based on the problem approach, in respect to which the contents of the study have been structured.

In the Geography of Tourism in Italy at present there predominate beliefs and concepts, which correspond to the modern trends towards humanization of geographical knowledge. Having in mind the innovative aspects of its development in recent years (the development of the concepts of the tourist landscape, sustainable tourism, the interaction between geopolitics and tourism, etc.), we can maintain that today this trend is among the leading ones in the system of geographical knowledge. What is more, its principal scientific achievements are widespread and highly appreciated among the representatives of academic thought both on an European and a global scale.