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Propositions belonging to the PhD thesis of Alvaro Moreno

Climate Change and Tourism Impacts and Vulnerability in Coastal Europe

1. The negative impacts of climate change on beach tourism have been significantly overestimated in previous generic climatic suitability assessments for tourism. *(this thesis)*
2. The Mediterranean will continue to have Europe's best climate for beach tourism for at least another 50 years. *(this thesis)*
3. Anticipation to potential changes will not only make the tourism industry less vulnerable, but also more capable of seizing new opportunities. *(this thesis)*
4. We may do well to shift some of the attention away from the impacts on tourist comfort towards other impacts such as sea-level rise, water availability, and biodiversity. *(this thesis)*
5. Using poverty alleviation as a justification to avoid mitigation policies in tourism puts developing countries at risk.
6. The assessment of vulnerability is the first step towards adaptation.
7. If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change.
8. If everybody agrees, it's probably wrong.
9. Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation. *(Kin Hubbard)*

Maastricht, 19 March 2010