

The impact of tourism on income inequality in Tourist attraction Countries with an emphasis on Iran

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In the past decades, tourism industry has become to an important force for economic growth in developed and developing countries. Tourism in different ways helps to redistribute income and income inequalities. The main objective of this research is determining the relationship between tourism development with the Gini coefficient in tourist countries and Iran. Thus, data 10 countries in the world as well as tourist country and Iran for a period of 15 years (2001-2015) were analyzed. To test the hypothesis of panel data model is used. The results show that all independent variables significantly correlated with the dependent variable. Also the symptoms are consistent with management theories. The number of arrivals in ed countries with Gini coefficient is negative and significant. The Gini coefficient can be decreased by increasing the number of tourists and thus reduce economic inequality. It was also found levels of GDP per person and openness has negative and significant correlation whit Gini coefficient. While inflation is a significant positive correlation with the increase in income inequality.

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