

ANGELIKA SIEVERS: *Der Tourismus in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). Ein sozialgeographischer Beitrag zum Tourismusphänomen in tropischen Entwicklungsländern, insbesondere in Südasien. (Erdkundliches Wissen, Heft 62).* Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1983. X, 138 pages, DM 36.-

That tourism is a rather mixed blessing for Third World countries has been realized by now. Gone are the days when ambitious development-planners thought that investment in the tourist sector would bring easy and quick returns, and trigger off benevolent processes in forward- and backward-linked sectors. The asymmetric relationships between First and Third World Countries simply do not function that way. For a first world citizen even leisure-time is a scarce good and has to be used effectively. The results of this in-built rationality of first world entrepreneurship are to be felt whenever and wherever it materializes itself. That is why "tourist promotion zones" look so similar to a tea-estate or a rubber-factory. Though the raw-materials are different, the interests that structured and brought them "in line" are always the same: "homo faber" is back in his "iron cage" even during those few weeks when he wants to be "off from it all".

Angelika Sievers' book is a well-documented study of these processes and their related phenomena in Sri Lanka: tourist ghettos, outside-oriented catering services (grape-juice in Hikkaduwa and passion-fruit-mix in Freiburg) and alienation of the local personnel (but under foreign management, please!). Her surveys of the various tourist zones that have been masterplanned during the last two decades, their infrastructure and growth until the late seventies, the many tables and detailed maps are a good example of the craftsmanship of the social geographer. One would wish that a cultural anthropologist might feel challenged to continue where she had to end.

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