



## TOURISM IN UNCERTAIN TIMES: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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Due to current concerns around COVID-19 it has been decided that the 10th International Conference on Tourism (ICOT2020) will be held between 17-18 September 2020 as a virtual conference. The decision has been made as the wellbeing of our participants is of our primary concern.

The ICOT2020 conference builds on the collective success of the previous nine International Conferences on Tourism (ICOT) held in Greece, China, Cyprus, U.K., Italy, Thailand and Portugal and the strong support by the international scholarly community.

The twenty-first century has brought new challenges for tourism. Climate change, overdevelopment, economic crises, terrorism, globalisation, the current COVID-19 crisis and entrenched social problems pose threats and create an uncertain tourism environment that affects destinations and their populations in virtually every corner of the contemporary world. To keep pace with these challenges, governments, businesses, communities, and tourism organisations need to continuously assess social, economic and environmental factors, to identify future trends and to examine various response policies and management techniques to decrease risk and uncertainty.

Bearing all of these concerns in mind, this conference aims to add to the debate regarding balanced tourism growth including the concepts of overtourism and degrowth for both established and emerging destinations. The conference will stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas related to the conference theme and beyond, between tourism professionals, academics, researchers, policy-makers, consultants, practitioners, government officials and postgraduate students from tourism academia and related fields.

We therefore invite submissions on all aspects of tourism development, policy, planning, growth and degrowth that will add to the current debate.

### Conference Themes

The conference will focus on a broad range of topics related to tourism, including (but not limited to):

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| COVID-19 crisis                                    | Tourism Development, Policy and Planning    |
| Sustainability, Degrowth and Overtourism           | Alternative and Special Forms of Tourism    |
| Social Networking                                  | Community Responses to Tourists and Tourism |
| Collaboration and Cooperation between Stakeholders | Emerging Tourism Destinations               |

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| Theoretical Perspectives on Tourism                            | Economic/Social/Environmental/Cultural Impacts of Tourism                         |
| World Heritage Sites   | Industry's Role in Managing Growth  |
| Tourism Education and its Role in Managing Tourism Development | Information Technology in Tourism   |
| Destination/Place Marketing                                    | Challenges and Best Practices of Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Management |
| Tourism Research and Methodology                               | Globalisation Effects   |
| Negotiation in Tourism   | Tourism Mobilities  |
| Transportation and Tourism                                     | Authenticity and Commodification  |
| The Future of Tourism  | Climate Change and Natural Disasters  |
| The Effects of Crime, Terrorism, Safety and Security           | Evolution and Transformation of Booking and Distribution Channels                 |
| Managing Human Resources in Hospitality and Tourism            | Responsible Tourism for Conservation and Development                              |
|  | Innovation in Tourism   |

### Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts are invited for concurrent sessions and poster presentations. The abstract will be the sole criterion for reviewers to decide the acceptance (or not) of the paper or poster for presentation. Thus the abstract should clearly communicate the objective(s) of the work, the results and their significance, and the advancement over previous work. Time and effort spent constructing a clear, concise, and well-written abstract will maximize the chances of the paper being accepted. Original and significant work is a prerequisite for paper acceptance.

Submitted abstracts should be between 250 and 350 words. For submissions please see the webpage: [https://iatour.org/icot2020/?page\\_id=180](https://iatour.org/icot2020/?page_id=180)

### Important Dates

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| <b>Abstract submission deadline (250-350 words)</b>      | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 |
| <b>Notification of acceptance / referees' amendments</b> | 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2020 |
| <b>Conference</b>  | 17 - 18 September 2020       |

### Conference Fees

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|                                       | <b>Registration (30<sup>th</sup> August 2020)</b> |
| <b>Full registration</b>              | <b>€100</b>                                       |
| <b>Research Students Registration</b> | <b>€80</b>  |

### Contact Details

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