

YTC 2017 - Call for Papers

Conference Scope

Crime and Corruption do not merely constitute an intriguing holiday theme (and having common characteristics with the area of 'Dark Tourism'); but they also constitute a bitter reality counting many victims. Tourism is a globalised business sector impacting the livelihood of millions of people in all parts of the world. As any other 'big business', where significant circuits of capital and information, and power imbalances exist, tourism is fertile ground for corruption and economic crime. Concurrently, the globalised scope of the tourism industry renders it into a very challenging field of action for national legislators and law enforcement agencies.

Novel tourist experiences, interactions with unknown environments and places, and a sense of freedom from care, represent core elements of the holiday experience. For these very reasons, holidays inherently entail a number of dangers for tourists, rendering them vulnerable to crime. Conversely, the anonymity that is combined with the consumerist/hedonistic mindset of many tourists, may well lead to irresponsible and even criminal, behaviour towards locals and others.

Although, the casualties of mainly politically-motivated terrorism are few worldwide, safety and security issues related to terror are extensively covered in tourism literature. In contrast, and despite of their quantitatively greater impact on the holiday experience, economic criminality and corruption have received relatively little attention in tourism scholarship. We seek to address this imbalance with this action.

The aim of this conference on "yellow tourism" is to place crime and corruption in the tourism-research agenda, expanding the interdisciplinary scope of tourism to include perspectives from law, business, economics, political science and the social and behavioural sciences. Contributing fields may include, but not be limited to the following:

- Law,
- Criminology,
- Business ethics,
- Behavioural and social psychology,
- Critical tourism studies,
- Information systems,
- Geography

The conference concept of "yellow tourism" draws on Dostoevsky's novel *Crime & Punishment*, in which the colour yellow was symbolically associated with corruption and decay. Our aim is twofold: First, to gradually build a scientific community (and a corresponding body of knowledge), which, second, would facilitate the creation of sustainable tourism development strategies and policies and ultimately enable more responsible industry standards in holiday services for all people and communities involved.

The YTC event consists of:

- A scientific and policy conference for researchers and practitioners: Following peer review of the submitted **papers, the selected contributions will be published in an edited proceedings volume or in a special journal issue.**
- Round-Tables with Questions & Answers (for the public and the press).

This event will produce a rich dialogue and enable the cross-fertilisation of perspectives; whilst providing excellent opportunities to network and socialise.

Conference Tracks

The conference is organised in tracks covering empirical and theoretical dimensions (i.e. qualitative and/or quantitative research, case-studies, and discussion-papers) in the following topics:

Tourism Crime & Corruption

Indicative topics / areas (but not restricted to the topic examples): Money Laundering, Drug trafficking, Customs violations, Tax Evasion, Bribery, Antiquity-Trafficking, Tourism-related Cybercrime, Exploitation, Organised crime and the tourism sector, Tourism-related violence & sex crimes (e.g. Homicide, Assault, Robbery, Theft, Human Trafficking, Rape)

Tourism Law, Practice & Ethics

Indicative topics / areas (but not restricted to the topic examples): Cross-national comparisons of yellow tourism-related impacts and/or measures, Benchmarking / Best practice case-studies, Unethical practices, Legislation analysis, Relevant innovations and technological advances for safety and security, Funds/Programs and multilateral actions/initiatives, Destination management priorities, Sustainable and human oriented services, Inter-culturalism and Multi-culturalism, Industry standardisation for a responsible tourism

Corruption- and Crime-Themed Holidays

Indicative topics / areas (but not restricted to the topic examples): Sex-tourism, Drug-tourism, 'Crime-venture' tourism, Poaching holidays

Advances in Yellow Tourism Education, Research & Policy

Indicative topics / areas (but not restricted to the topic examples): Integrating yellow tourism in tourism education, Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary approaches, Policy design and political perspectives, Research paradigms and methodologies, Theoretical perspectives, Tourism and development matrix (trends and indicators)

Guidelines for Authors

Submission details

- Abstract details** The abstract should range in length between 150-500 words. It must include the proposed title of the paper; the full name(s) of participant(s) (first name and surname, not initials), the institutional or professional affiliation, postal addresses and email addresses of all authors, and a telephone contact number for at least one author.
- Abstract Submission** **Abstracts** must be submitted as docx file attachments by **15th December 2016** via email to: **submissions@geolabinstitute.org**
- Full paper Submission** A final draft of the paper is required only if the abstract has been accepted for publication, and the presentation successfully made at the conference. Papers should not exceed 5,000 words including abstract, keywords and references (the APA referencing rules need to be adhered to). Submission deadline is the **29th September 2017**. Papers should be sent as .docx file attachments via email to: **submissions@geolabinstitute.org**

Important information

- The Conference language is English. This applies to abstracts and papers submitted.
- All **abstracts** received by the submission deadline will be **double-blind reviewed by members of the Conference Committee to ensure that the proposed papers are relevant to the Conference.**
- **All full papers received by the** submission deadline will be reviewed and edited by members of the Conference Committee to ensure that the proposed contents of their abstract has been adequately delivered, and that the papers are appropriately referenced, of a suitable length and written in good English. Full papers can be rejected if these criteria are not met.
- Please note that we also welcome the submission of case studies, conceptual-, and discussion-papers.
- To enable theory-development and 'interdisciplinarity', we welcome and support contributions originating from other academic domains (i.e. outside tourism).
- **New, non-published, researchers are especially encouraged to submit.**
- Papers that are accepted will be published in an edited conference volume / special journal issue, provided at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference.
- Papers must constitute original contributions and may not appear in other publications and/or conferences.
- Authors, whose papers have been selected for publication, may be asked to sign a transfer of copyright agreement, before their contributions can be published.

Timetable

15th December 2016	Deadline for abstracts (300-500 words)
December 2016-January 2017	Notification of abstract acceptance
27th-29th April 2017	1 st Yellow Tourism Conference (YTC)
29th September 2017	Deadline for full papers (5000 words)
End of May 2018	Publication of conference proceedings/Journal Special Issue

Conference Fact-Sheet

Conference Date and Location:

27-29 April 2017 – Corfu (Greece)

Conference Fees:

'Early Bird' Registration Fee
(till 31st January 2017)

Delegate Individual registration: € 300

Group registration: € 275

Non-presenter: € 400

Regular Registration Fee
(after 1st February 2017)

Delegate Individual registration: € 350

Group registration: € 325

Non-presenter: € 450

Student / Discount Registration Fee

Individual registration: € 100

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Conference material / merchandising, proceedings, participation certificate
 - Morning Refreshments, Lunch and afternoon refreshments for conference days
 - Dinner Party
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Organised by:

Ionian University
(Corfu, Greece)



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