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## Conference Calls

Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage  
6th Expert Conference,  
**Promoting and Experiencing Religious  
Tourism and Pilgrimage**  
19-22 June 2014, Veszprém, Hungary

The International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP) and the International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Research Group in association with the ATLAS Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Special Interest Group, have been invited by the University of Pannonia, Veszprém, Hungary to organise the above conference. The aim of the meeting is to provide both empirical and personal insights into the changing nature of religion in society and to further the debate for policy-makers, practitioners and academics to consider these evolving challenges within the future development of faith tourism and pilgrimage.

### Applying to Attend:

Because attendance is generously supported by the local sponsors and the University of Pannonia, the main criterion for being invited to attend is based on adherence to the theme: "Promoting and Experiencing Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage"

Expressions of interest should be made by submitting an Abstract of no more than 300 words (demonstrating your adherence to the conference title) to the Conference Organisers. Abstracts must be received by 31st of January 2014 and should outline the aims of the paper, methods, key findings and a short selection of related readings. If you are interested in being invited to attend, or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact members of the Organising Committee:

- Prof. Alan Clarke [Clarke@turizimus.uni/pannon.hu](mailto:Clarke@turizimus.uni/pannon.hu)
- Dr. Kevin Griffin [kevin.griffin@dit.ie](mailto:kevin.griffin@dit.ie)
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### Publication:

Successfully reviewed full papers will be published in the International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP). Priority will be given to papers received in advance of the conference.

### Important Dates:

- 31.01.14 Abstract Submission Deadline
- 28.02.14 Notification of Acceptance to Authors
- 30.04.14 Submit full paper
- 30.05.14 Payment for Accommodation

### Scientific Committee:

- Alan Clarke, University of Pannonia, Hungary
- Jonathan Edwards, Bournemouth University, UK
- Carlos Fernandes, Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo, Portugal
- Kevin Griffin, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland
- Maureen Griffiths, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
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- ÁgnesRaffay, University of Pannonia, Hungary
- Razaq Raj, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
- Anna Trono, University of Salento, Italy
- Roger Vaughan, Bournemouth University, UK
- Peter Wiltshier, University of Derby, UK
- Vincent Zammit, Institute of Tourism Studies, Malta

### Cost:

There is no administration fee for this event. The cost for those who are invited to present a paper will be kept to an absolute minimum - circa €195 to pay for accommodation (3 nights) and food.

University Conference on Religious Tourism:

**The Experience of the Sacred,**  
3-4 March, 2014 (Montserrat, Catalonia)

Montserrat is an iconic destination of religious tourism in Catalonia. This monastery has a strong cultural activity developed by the community of monks and the Montserrat Abbey Foundation. Five years ago a collaboration agreement was signed with the universities of Girona and Barcelona for the organization of a Conference on Religious Tourism. This year will be the fifth edition. The program will soon be available on the website of the abbey: [montserratvisita.com](http://montserratvisita.com)

## Sacred Space, Pilgrimage, and Tourism

At RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London, Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 August 2014. Session sponsored by: Geographies of Leisure and Tourism Research Group (GLTRG) of the RGS-IBG, and convened by Jacky Tivers, St John's College, Nottingham.

According to Park (1994,245), 'one of the more prominent geographical dimensions of religious expression is the notion of sacred space'. Interest in this concept within human geography has increased considerably in recent years (for instance, Hopkins et al, 2013; Dwyer et al, 2013; Sturm, 2013; Megoran, 2013; Przybyiska, 2013; Dewsbury and Cloke, 2009; Daniels, 2009; Holloway and Valins, 2002). Linked to the idea of sacred space is the phenomenon of pilgrimage, which has been studied through 'a wide range of approaches – academic, confessional, personal and canonical' (Coleman and Elsner, 1995, 8), and which has also attracted the attention of geographers (for example, Maddrell and della Dora, 2013).

Today, sacred space and pilgrimage are features of all faiths and spiritualities, as well as being evident within the secular realm, and are therefore important concepts to be considered in relation to geographical understandings of places and their contexts. In addition, sacred sites and pilgrimage routes may be re-imagined as tourism opportunities, both by promoters and by tourists themselves. Indeed, Ron (2009,290) asserts that pilgrimage is simply 'a sub-type, or form, of tourism', while Tidball (2004) fears that it may very often show the same characteristics of 'transience, spectatorship, non-engagement with the local culture and moral irresponsibility' as tourism often does.

This session aims to investigate the co-production of sacred space through the lens of pilgrimage/theology/spirituality/belief systems, on the one hand, and that of tourism/leisure/promotion/visitor behaviour, on the other, addressing practices at a range of scales - individual, communal and commercial. Papers are invited which address this issue of co-production specifically, as well as those that deal more broadly with the concepts of sacred space and pilgrimage.

Abstracts (approx 200 words) to Jan Mosedale ([jan.mosedale@htwchur.ch](mailto:jan.mosedale@htwchur.ch)) by Fri. 14th Feb. 2014.

## The Politics and Poetics of Managing Tourism in Sacred Cities

RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2014  
26 to 29 August 2014, at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London

Sacred cities are one of the oldest and most prevalent forms of urban organization and can be found in several cultures and locations throughout human history. Cities such as Varanasi, Lourdes, Mecca, Lalibela and Jerusalem have long attracted pilgrims, merchants, and other tourists. However, although there has been much written on sacred cities from various disciplines, such as comparative religion (e.g. Diana Eck on Varanasi), history (e.g. Ruth Harris on Lourdes) and anthropology (e.g. Abdellah Hammoudi on Mecca), very little has been written by geographers and tourism scholars. Furthermore, in studies on sacred cities the focus has been descriptive and case study-oriented with little focus on the management of pilgrimage and other forms of tourism.

This session therefore aims to bring together a range of papers that examine sacred cities from various theoretical, methodological and practical perspectives, in different historical, cultural and geographical contexts with a focus on tourism management. Submissions can be case study oriented, comparative or conceptual, and may address, but are not be limited to, the following areas:

- The history of sacred site management
- Challenges, problems and solutions in management of sacred destinations
- Modern mass tourism to ancient sacred cities
- Modernity, technology and visiting the sacred
- Contested spaces in sacred cities
- Sustainable development of sacred cities
- Commodification in sacred cities
- The resilience of sacred cities
- The shared characteristics of sacred cities
- Patterns of globalization in sacred cities
- Spatial patterns of beggars and begging in sacred cities

Abstracts (max. 250 words) should be submitted by Sunday 23 February, 2014. For more details, and to submit an abstract, please contact:

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1st Global Conference:

### **Sacred Journeys: Pilgrimage and Beyond**

Wed. 9th July – Fri. 11th July 2014, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

#### **Call for Presentations**

Pilgrimage is one of the most ancient practices of humankind and is associated with a great variety of religious and spiritual traditions. This conference will explore all aspects of sacred journeys including :

- The physical journey through time and space
- As a rite of passage, and personal transformation
- The quest for blessings, transcendence or healing
- The fulfillment of obligations or giving thanks
- Texts, relics, talisman, rituals, sacred geographies
- Pilgrimage versus sacred tourism
- The economics of pilgrimage
- Pilgrimage and Gender
- Pilgrimage and the internet
- Pilgrimage and nationalism/globalisation
- Pilgrimage and protest
- Secular sites and “places to see before you die”
- Fandom and journeys of adoration and remembrance

The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals.

**What to Send:** 300 word proposals should be submitted by Friday 14th February 2014. If a proposal is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper of no more than 3000 words should be submitted by Friday 16th May 2014. Proposals should include the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation as you would like it to appear in programme, c) email address, d) title of proposal, e) body of proposal, f) up to 10 keywords.

E-mails should be entitled: Sacred Journeys 1 Proposal Submission. Send to: Ian McIntosh and Eileen Moore Quinn: [imcintos@iupui.edu](mailto:imcintos@iupui.edu) / Rob Fisher: [sjl@inter-disciplinary.net](mailto:sjl@inter-disciplinary.net)

TTRA 45th Annual International Conference

### **Tourism and the New Global Economy**

Brugge, Belgium, June 18 - 20, 2014

ATLAS annual conference 2014

### **Tourism, Travel and Leisure : Sources of Wellbeing, Happiness and Quality of Life?**

Budapest, Hungary, 22st - 24st October, 2014

XXVIIIème colloque Eurethno,

### **Le tourisme religieux en Europe: Saints, pèlerinages, visites et itinéraires culturels et interreligieux**

Perugia-Assisi (Italie), 12 - 14 sept. 2014

**Lieux :**

- Faculté de Sciences Politiques, Perugia, (12 Septembre).
- Faculté de Lettres, Perugia (13 Septembre)
- Assis- 14 septembre (avec un tour pour voir le chemin de Francesco et pour visiter la ville).

Le **Réseau FER-EURETHNO** organisera en Ombrie, en 2014, un **Atelier d'études comparées** sur « **Le tourisme religieux en Europe** », en collaboration avec l'Université de Pérouse, la Région de l'Ombrie, le Municipalités de Pérouse et Assise, la Province de Pérouse. Pourront participer au XXVIIIe Colloque tous les membres invités par le réseau, les enseignants de l'Université de Pérouse, les responsables territoriaux, dans la région de l'Ombrie, qui traitent du tourisme religieux. Le colloque sera divisé en trois thèmes :

- 1. Histoire du pèlerinage et des cultes de saints**
- 2. Pratiques rituelles et visites de lieux sacrés**
- 3. Tourisme religieux: les itinéraires culturels comme facteurs de développement régional durable**

#### **Contact local pour le colloque**

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**Comité scientifique local :** Prof. : Fiorella Giacalone, Prof. Paola De Salvo, Prof. Cristina Papa

**Principale organisatrice du Colloque:** Prof. Fiorella Giacalone

**Délai d'inscription des participants et des thèmes :** le 8 janvier 2014. Une lettre d'invitation sera envoyée après acceptation de la proposition de communication.

**Actes :** les actes de ce colloque seront publiés en français et en italien en 2015 dans le cadre d'un éditeur italien au niveau national.

### **Fourth International Conferences on Tourism (ICOT)**

Dalian, China, 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> of June 2014

### **4th Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Management Conference**

25-27 June 2014, Mauritius