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For the past 15 years, a group of academic friends and colleagues have been working together on the publication of papers, articles and books on Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage. The first of these volumes, in 2003, was *Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* (Fernandes, McGettigan & Edwards, 2003) and this was followed four years later by *Religious Tourism Management* (Raj and Morpeth, 2007). Reinvigorating our annual conference a couple of years later led to the production of Journal special issues in 2011 (Raj, Griffin, Fernandes & Morpeth, 2012) (Raj & Griffin) and 2013 (Griffin & Raj) and an additional set of edited papers with ATLAS in 2012 (Griffin & Raj, 2012). Towards the end of the following year (2013) we began work on the first issue of this Journal (*International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage*), as a high quality, free, open access, peer reviewed academic journal, and since that time it has gone from strength to strength.

Around the same time as the Journal was being established, we began discussion with CABI publishers about producing a second revised edition of *Religious Tourism Management*. When we told colleagues about the forthcoming book, far more authors approached us than we could possibly accommodate, offering chapters for inclusion. Based on this interest and enthusiasm, we began to formulate ideas, which led to a dialogue in relation to a possible book series. The nature, scale and scope of the series took shape, and the first book in the series *Pilgrimage and Tourism to Holy Cities* (Leppakari & Griffin, 2016) came to fruition in late 2016 (Check out the full the series at: https://www.cabi.org/bookshop/series/rtp/)

We have now published (or are in the process of publishing) 11 texts, with a number of other books currently in production, or under negotiation; the initial volumes are outlined below. If you have an idea for a book in the series, or would like to get in touch with editors who are producing a volume for us, please feel free to get in touch, and we would be delighted to advise, guide and support you in any forthcoming project.

Kindest regards

Kevin & Razaq
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