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Doctoral Vacancy Announcement form

Research Topic Title: Vegan Tourism

No. of Openings: 1

Description: Vegan tourism constitutes a promising form of tourism, which reflects contemporary trends towards healthy eating, ethical consumption, and environmental sustainability. The study of vegan tourism is particularly important, as it enables the understanding of the motivations, behaviors, expectations, and experiences of vegan travelers. However, it is a sector that remains largely unexplored, with a limited number of studies that systematically examine its dimensions, challenges, and opportunities. This lack of extensive research makes vegan tourism a particularly interesting and timely field of study, which requires further investigation and theoretical deepening. Candidates are required to submit a 1,000-word report in the form of a literature review, in which they will identify a research gap that requires further exploration within the field of vegan tourism. The report should also define the theoretical framework that will be used. The report must be written in English and be based on contemporary international academic literature.

Required Qualifications: Candidates for the above topic must hold a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from a recognized university in at least one of the following scientific fields: Tourism/Hospitality Management, Sociology, Social sciences, or Psychology. Additionally, candidates must possess strong research skills and qualifications (in both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies). They should also have excellent command of both the English and Greek languages. Previous research experience will be considered an advantage.

Funding: No

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Research Topic Title: Religious Tourism

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Description: Religious tourism constitutes one of the most significant sectors of global tourism, as it combines spiritual exploration with heritage experience, while simultaneously contributing to the development of local communities. Moreover, it assists in the preservation, safeguarding, and promotion of religious heritage, ensuring that sacred traditions and historical sites are both valued and protected. The study of religious tourism is of particular importance, as

it facilitates a deeper understanding of the behaviours and experiences of visitors. Such an understanding is essential for the design and implementation of sustainable development strategies that preserve the spiritual and sacred character of destinations. At the same time, research in this field highlights a variety of challenges and complex issues. These include concerns related to the authenticity of the religious tourism experience, the need to protect sacred sites from the potential negative impacts of tourism, and the delicate balance between tourism development and respect for religious traditions and practices.

Candidates are required to submit a 1,000-word report in the form of a literature review. In this report, they must identify a specific research gap within the field of religious tourism that warrants further investigation, and state clearly the study's aim and objectives. The report should clearly define the theoretical framework that will guide the study. The report must be written in English and should be based on contemporary and relevant international literature. It should demonstrate a strong academic foundation by drawing on current scholarly sources, with the aim of contributing to a deeper understanding and effective advancement of this vital sector.

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Research Topic Title: **Human Resources Management in the Hospitality Industry**

No. of Openings: 1

Description: Candidates should possess an undergraduate degree and an MSc / MA / MBA from accredited universities in at least one of the following subject areas: Business Administration, Human Resources Management, Organizational Behavior, Hospitality and Tourism Management, or other studies relevant to the topic. In addition, candidates should exhibit high academic achievements, a strong background in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, excellent command of the English language, and proficiency in research-related software (SPSS and NVivo). Candidates should be able to complete their doctoral dissertations in English. Excellent command of the Greek language is also a prerequisite.

The nature of the topic requires a full-time commitment to the research area; therefore, this position is suitable for full-time studies only. We note that candidates will be required to attend post-graduate courses taught in Greek.

Required Qualifications: Candidates should possess an undergraduate degree and an MSc / MA / MBA from accredited universities in at least one of the following subject areas: Business Administration, Human Resources Management, Organizational Behavior, Hospitality and Tourism Management, or other studies relevant to the topic. In addition, candidates should exhibit high academic achievements, a strong background in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, excellent command of the English language, and proficiency in research-related

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Research Topic Title: Wine Tourism and Climate Change

No. of Openings: 1

Description: Wine tourism is a rapidly expanding sector of tourism that combines culture, wine gastronomy, and experiential activities, attracting visitors with a special interest in wine and its place of origin. The development of wine tourism contributes to strengthening local economies, promoting wine-producing regions, and preserving their natural and cultural heritage.

However, the climate crisis is significantly transforming the context in which both the wine and tourism industries operate. Its effects influence wine production and quality, the geographical distribution of vineyards, and the overall conditions of tourist visitation and experience. These changing climatic conditions require wineries and tourism stakeholders to adopt adaptation strategies that integrate sustainability, innovation, and effective communication.

The proposed PhD thesis focuses on exploring the relationship between climate change, wine tourism, and wineries' adaptation strategies. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the perceptions, attitudes, and intentions of Mediterranean wine tourism communities and visitors toward the practices developed by wineries to address climatic challenges. The goal is to capture how these strategies influence visitor experience, satisfaction, and behaviour, contributing to the development of more sustainable and resilient models of wine tourism.

The PhD thesis combines theoretical and empirical research in the field of tourism, emphasizing the sustainable management of Mediterranean wine tourism destinations. It examines the perceptions and attitudes of wine tourism communities and visitors toward winery adaptation practices in response to climate change. The ultimate aim is to generate knowledge that supports the advancement of more sustainable and resilient forms of wine tourism.

This PhD programme offers a comprehensive and in-depth training framework that includes the teaching of empirical research methods, methodological tools, and advanced research skills. The nature and complexity of the topic require full dedication and active research engagement by the PhD candidate. Therefore, the position is offered on a full-time and exclusive basis, ensuring continuous academic supervision and the optimal development of research outcomes.

Application Requirements: Applications must be submitted electronically in English and include the following:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** A concise statement (approximately 500 words) explaining the applicant's research interests in the subject area, career objectives, and motivations for pursuing a PhD in this field.
2. **Research Proposal:** A proposal (approximately 1,000 words) including a summary of the research topic, research questions, a brief literature review, and an outline of the proposed methodology.
3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** A detailed CV highlighting the applicant's academic and professional background, as well as any relevant research experience.

Required Qualifications: We seek candidates with a strong academic background and excellent academic performance. Applicants should hold both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree (MSc/MA/MBA) from a recognized university in a related field such as Economics, Management, Tourism or Hospitality Management, Tourism Business Administration, Regional Development, or other closely related disciplines.

Candidates should demonstrate a genuine passion for and commitment to research in the relevant field, evidenced through documented research activity such as scientific publications, conference presentations, and/or active participation in research projects. They should also possess experience and skills in research design, data collection and analysis (quantitative and/or qualitative), and proficiency in the use of relevant software tools (e.g., SPSS, NVivo).

The PhD dissertation will be conducted in English; therefore, applicants must demonstrate an excellent command of the English language, certified by recognized qualifications.

Funding: Successful candidates may have the opportunity to receive financial support as teaching assistants, apply for internal and/or external excellence scholarships, and/or participate as research associates in funded research projects.

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