



ISCONTOUR 2024

International Student Conference in Tourism Research

13-14 May 2024



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Monday, 13 May

09:00–13:00	Kick-off Social Networking Programme	
	Innsbruck Nordkette (Address: Rennweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck) Departure at 8:30 am	
	Informal Welcome by Christian Maurer & Hubert Siller (ISCONTOUR 2024 Conference Chairs) Ascent with the Hungerburg funicular and the cable car to the Nordkette mountain Lunch at Seegrube Restaurant (Online registration required!)	
13:00 – 13:30	Conference Registration (MCI I – Address: Universitätsstraße 15, 6020 Innsbruck)	
	Research Methodology Workshops	
	MCI I, Room: 303	MCI I, Room: 304
13:30-15:00	Session 1: Innovations in Tourism 2050: How to research and innovate for the future? Julia Vögele (MCI Innsbruck)	Session 2: AI for Research and the Art of Prompt Engineering Roman Egger (SmartVisions)
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-17:00	Session 3: How to get published in Scientific Journals? Anita Zehrer (MCI Innsbruck)	Session 4: Pros and cons of ChatGPT for Sentiment Analysis Katerina Volchek (Deggendorf Institute of Technology)

17:30-19:30

Social Networking Programme: Buffet Dinner at MCI I (Universitätsstraße 15, 6020 Innsbruck)

Tuesday, 14 May

08:00-08:30	Registration (MCI III - Address: Weiherburggasse 8, 6020 Innsbruck)	
	MCI III, Seminar room 1 – 3, 2 nd floor	
08:30-10:15	<p>Official Conference Opening Christian Maurer & Hubert Siller (ISCONTOUR 2024 Conference Chairs)</p> <p>Andreas Altmann, Rector of the MCI Innsbruck</p> <p>Keynote Presentations</p> <p>Tourism in Austria - Facts, Figures & Challenges Astrid Steharnig-Staudinger (CEO Austrian National Tourist Office)</p> <p>Das High Performance Mindset - The Race Across America Kurt Matzler (University of Innsbruck)</p> <p>Moderator: Hubert Siller</p>	
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break	
	Presentation of ISCONTOUR 2022 Research Papers	
	MCI III, Room: 011	MCI III, Room: 012
10:45-12:15	<p>Research Focus: Sustainable, rural and cultural tourism Moderator: Birgit Bosio</p> <p><i>The state of agri-tourism in South Africa: A systematic review</i> (Christelle Charlien Van Zyl, Engelina Du Plessis and Peet Van der Merwe, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>A critical supply-side examination of promotional considerations in South African cultural heritage tourism</i> (Mamotse Mokabe and Martinette Kruger, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Exploring community participation in nature reserves: A case study of the Molemane Eye Nature Reserve, South Africa</i> (Obakeng Motlhanke and Lisebo Tseane-Gumbi, North-West University, South Africa)</p>	<p>Research Focus: Tourism innovations and technologies Moderator: Giancarlo Fedeli</p> <p><i>Enhancing Food Information Searching Experience for Rural Destinations Using Augmented Reality Technology</i> (Bilge Polat Gür, Dudyala Divya Dhatri and Minxin Ma, Deggendorf Institute of Technology - the ECRI Campus, Germany)</p> <p><i>Enhancing User Experience at Tourism & Leisure Aggregator Platforms</i> (Fredrick Mandela Aliero, Bhoomi Narendra Shah and Avishkar Tiwari, Deggendorf Institute of Technology - the ECRI Campus, Germany)</p> <p><i>Facilitating Wellness through Virtual Reality Mindfulness Meditation</i> (Svetlana Fayzullina, Justin Tochukwu Dim and Yassin Mohamed, Deggendorf Institute of Technology - the ECRI Campus, Germany)</p>
12:15-13:15	Networking Lunch	
	MCI III, Room: 011	MCI III, Room: 012
13:15-14:45	<p>Research Focus: Niche tourism and specialized offers Moderator: Katerina Volchek</p> <p><i>Communities' perception of entomophagy as tourism product: The Case of Mopani District, Limpopo, South Africa</i> (Bianca Nolwandle Mkhize-Simelane, Peet Van</p>	<p>Research Focus: Tourism management and leadership Moderator: Stefanie Haselwanter</p> <p><i>Exploring Employability Perceptions and Influencing Factors Among Tourism and Hospitality</i></p>

	<p>Der Merwe and Luiza De Sousa, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Profiling ghost tourists in the Western Cape Province of South Africa</i> (Marlene de Klerk and Karin Botha, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Captivating Cape Town: Unpacking Tourist Motivations and Airbnb Usage</i> (Penitence Ndebele, Adam Viljoen and Marco Scholtz, North-West University, South Africa)</p>	<p><i>Undergraduates: A Study from Guizhou, China</i> (Jingyu Wu, University of Plymouth, UK)</p> <p>International experience, tourism, and employability: A conceptual discussion from international student perspective (Fa Wang, University of Plymouth, UK)</p> <p><i>An Investigation into Motivation and Leadership in a Multi-Cultural Tourism and Hospitality Management Company in the Context of Japan</i> (Shannon Dann, University of Plymouth, UK)</p>
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break	
	MCI III, Room: 011	MCI III, Room: 012
15:15-16:45	<p>Research Focus: Tourist behaviour and decision making</p> <p>Moderator: Katerina Volchek</p> <p><i>Assessing COVID-19's impact on travel decision-making in South Africa</i> (Zoëgné Luyt and Elmarie Slabbert, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Tourists Go Home: Stakeholder Perceptions & Attitudes in the Face of Overtourism</i> (Patricia Horlacher, Uppsala University, Sweden)</p> <p><i>The Attitude-Behaviour Gap on the part of Generation Z in the context of Sustainable Tourism</i> (Kathrin John, MCI Innsbruck, Austria)</p> <p><i>An Examination of the Impact of Social Media on the Theme Parks in the UK</i> (Amy Watts, University of Plymouth, UK)</p>	<p>Research Focus: Tourism marketing and destination management</p> <p>Moderator: Giancarlo Fedeli</p> <p><i>The art of distinction in strengthening artists' brands: a case of two solo Afrikaans musicians</i> (Bianca van Rensburg and Elmarie Slabbert, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Assessing the resilience of scuba diving tourism systems: The case of Maputo National Park</i> (Charlise Botha and Serena Lucrezi, North-West University, South Africa)</p> <p><i>Exploring the Dimensions of Tourist Perceived Destination Innovativeness: A Qualitative Study in Hunan, China</i> (Xiaoshan Yang, University of Plymouth, UK)</p>
	MCI III, Seminar room 1 – 3, 2 nd floor	
16:45-17:30	<p>Best ISCONTOUR Paper Award (Sponsored by incert and Farmholidays Austria)</p> <p>Best ICT-related Paper Award (Sponsored by IFITT)</p> <p>Conference Closing and Outlook to ISCONTOUR 2025 at the IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems, Austria</p>	
19:00 – open	<p>Social Networking Programme</p> <p>Get-together at</p> <p>Restaurant-Bar Krahvogel Innsbruck (Address: Anichstraße 12, 6020 Innsbruck)</p>	

Important Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

- Innsbrucker Nordkettenbahnen (Funicular Base Station) – Rennweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck
- Management Center Innsbruck I (MCI I) – Universitätsstraße 15, 6020 Innsbruck
- Management Center Innsbruck III (MCI III) – Weiherburggasse 8, 6020 Innsbruck
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