



Call for Abstracts

10th Annual International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IRTP) Conference



**27th – 30th June 2018,
Santiago de Compostela, Spain**



Announcement

The **International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Conference (IRTP)** organized by the Institute for Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IRTP) in conjunction with the International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP) and University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and ANTE (Análisis Territorial) Group invites abstracts for their 10th International Conference to be held from 27th - 30th June 2018 at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC), Santiago, Spain.

The aim of the conference is to provide both empirical and personal insights into the changing nature of religion in society and to further the debate for both policy-makers and academics to consider these evolving challenges within the future development of faith tourism and pilgrimage. The main emphasis for acceptance at this event is based on participants presenting papers which apply to the main themes of the conference.

Conference Themes

The key themes of the conference include (but are not limited to) the following:

- **The Visitor / Pilgrim:**
 - demographics; motivations; values; behaviour; interpretation;
 - impacts; transformative experience; spirituality;
- **The Product:**
 - 'religion' specific products; types of product; sites;
 - case studies; gender specific sites; minorities; food;
- **Theory and Theology:**
 - identity / power / representation; secular / new religions; consumption; meanings;
 - histories; heritage; authenticity; nostalgia; texts / accounts;
- **Management:**
 - service provision; business management; marketing; organisation; site management ; H.R.; skills;
 - stakeholders / governance / politics; sustainability; technology; souvenirs / mementos;
- **Issues:**
 - risks (terrorism, health and safety, economics,);
 - environment;
 - conflicts / contestation.

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Please check the conference website for further information, www.irtp.co.uk

(Website is currently under construction)

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Keynote Speakers

The following keynote speakers have been confirmed



Dr. Francisco Ramón Durán Villa, Graduated with a degree in geography and history in 1984 and a PhD in geography in 1997 for a thesis on Spanish emigration, United Kingdom. He is senior lecturer of geography, attached to the area of Regional Geographic Analysis at the University of Santiago de Compostela. He is also a professor at the Pastoral Diocesan School of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela. His main lines of research are migration, demography, religion, urban geography and processes associated with impoverishment. He has participated in various research projects and has published many papers and books in Spanish. He is a member of the research group: Geographie Social de l'Universite du Maine (Gregum) and the Archive of Galician Migration. He was Director and Secretary of the Departamento de Xeografía USC; Secretary of the Faculty of Geography and History, Vice-Principal for students, culture and training of the USC; and is currently Dean of the Faculty of geography and history.

Dr. Kumi Kato is professor at the Faculty of Tourism, Wakayama University and Deputy Director of the Center of Tourism Research, Wakayama University, Japan. She is also an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Queensland, Australia. Her research area includes sustainability and tourism, community resilience and traditional knowledge through ecohumanities perspectives, and 'slow tourism development' in relation to pilgrimage routes and walking-based tourism. Recent publications include: Kato, K. (2017). Walking to care: pilgrimage tourism & conservation, in Hall, C.M., Ram, Y., & Shoval, N. (eds) *The Routledge International Handbook of Walking*, Routledge, Chapter 23, 232-241; Kato, K. (2017). Debating Sustainability in Tourism Development: Resilience, Traditional Knowledge and Community: A Post-disaster Perspective, *Tourism Planning & Development*, DOI: 10.1080/21568316.2017.1312508; Kato, K. (2017) Restoring spiritual resilience in post-disaster recovery in Fukushima, in Lew, A.A. & Cheer, J.M. (Eds.) *Tourism Resilience and Adaptation to Environmental Change*, New York: Routledge; Kato, K. (2015) Australia's whaling discourse: Global norm, green consciousness and identity, *Journal of Australian Studies*, Vol. 39 (4), 477-493 (John Barrett Award).





Australian applied anthropologist **Ian S. McIntosh PhD** is an adjunct professor in the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) School of Liberal Arts. He is also the director of international partnerships at IUPUI, and the associate director of the Confucius Institute in Indianapolis. While land and sea claims on behalf of Aboriginal Australian traditional owners have been central to McIntosh's career, over the past ten years his research has also focused on pilgrimage and religious tourism. He is the founder and director of the Sacred Journeys Project, and a co-founder of the heritage group Past Masters International (www.pastmasters.net). In 2014, he created the Indianapolis Spiritual Trail.

The Revd Canon Professor Myra Shackley has a PhD in archaeology and was formerly Professor of Culture Resource Management at Nottingham Business School in the UK. During an academic career spanning more than 40 years she has been recognised as a leading international authority on the management of visitors to historic sites. She has a particular interest in religious tourism and much of her recent research has been concerned with the management of sacred sites as visitor attractions. Her numerous publications including the textbook *Managing Sacred Sites*; service provision and visitor experience



Important Dates

Abstract submissions:	31st January 2018
Notification of Abstract Acceptance:	28th February 2018
Conference Registration Deadline and submission of extended abstract:	15th May 2018
Full Paper Submission:	15th June 2018

Fees

There is no presentation fee for those who are selected to deliver papers. Costs will be kept to a minimum and will be approximately **€195.00** (which includes tea and coffee, lunches and Gala Dinner). Accommodation recommendations will be provided, with preferential rates organised in a number of nearby hotels. Any questions related to the fee, accommodation and transport, contact University of Santiago de Compostela via email. irtp.conference@usc.es

Publications

The conference organisers have an impressive track record of successfully publishing papers from their events. Following review, suitable papers that are submitted according to the deadline, will be published in the International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP) and/or selected for inclusion as chapters in forthcoming books in the organisers' Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Book Series with CABI publishers.

Conference Abstracts (extended abstracts) will be available online at www.arrow.dit.ie/irtp

Location of Conference

The conference takes place in the University of Santiago de Compostela, Faculty of Geography and History. The faculty is located in the very heart of the historical city, 15 minutes walking from the railway station, and near all kind of facilities.

It is important to note that most of the historical city is a pedestrian area. For the bus station it is necessary to take a bus.

To see the location, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybjcdqty>
Santiago Tourism board website, has lots of useful information: www.santiagoturismo.com

Abstract Submission Process

Formatting of Abstracts

- ⦿⦿ Initial Abstracts must not exceed 1 page of A4 (including title, data, figures and references).
- ⦿⦿ Please use 10 point Arial font, single- spaced and set margins to 1 inch (2.54cm) all around.
- ⦿⦿ Abstracts will be subjected to blind review by a minimum of two referees from the Scientific Committee.
- ⦿⦿ Please include a list of **five keywords** that describe the research just under the title of the paper - to assist the reviewing process
- ⦿⦿ Include 3 bibliographic references in the abstract.

Submission Process

- Authors must include the following information on the abstract:
 - (1) name(s) of (all) author(s);
 - (2) affiliation(s) and;
 - (3) email address (es).
- Submit your paper via the link on the conference website at: www.irtp.co.uk

Submission Link will be activated shortly

In addition, payment details will be provided on website

Further details of the venue such as transport to / around Santiago etc will be provided on the website in the near future.