



Call for Abstracts

11th Annual International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IRTP) Conference



**26th – 29th June 2019,
Belgrade, Serbia, 2019**



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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 Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia invites abstracts for their 11th International Conference to be held from 26th - 29th June 2019 at the Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia.

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:

- **Theory and Theology of Religious Tourism**
- **Pilgrimage as Process**
- **Secular v Ritual Tourism**
- **Virtual Religious Experience**
- **Risks and Conflicts of/at Sacred Sites**
- **Motivation of Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism**
- **Media and Cultural Challenges for Pilgrimage**
- **Pilgrimage Routes Modern and Ancient**
- **Pilgrimage, Spirituality, Religion and Tourism**
- **Promoting and Experiencing Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage**
- **Religious and Culture Tourism**

Organisation

Hosted by:

Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia, <https://singidunum.ac.rs/>

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

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- Vincent Zammit, Malta

Keynote Speakers

The following keynote speakers have already been confirmed:



Jovan Popesku, Professor at Singidunum University, Department for Tourism and Hospitality Management, Belgrade. He teaches at undergraduate, master and PhD level and his field of research includes tourism marketing, tourism destination management, sustainable tourism management and rural tourism. He is an experienced tourism development and marketing specialist, with expertise in projects focusing on local and regional tourism destinations and specific tourism products. He is President of the Centre for Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Development, Belgrade. He was the first Director General of the National Tourism Organisation of Serbia. Currently he is a member of Aiest, GSTC and SEMA (Serbian Marketing Association).

George D. Greenia is Professor Emeritus at William & Mary (Virginia, USA) and founder of its [Institute for Pilgrimage Studies](#). Former editor of [La corónica](#), a research journal of medieval Spanish language, literature and cultural studies, he was named Distinguished Editor of 2007 by the Council of Editors of Learned Journals. An internationally recognized authority on medieval and modern pilgrimage, he has biked and walked over 4000 miles along the pilgrimage trails to Santiago de Compostela and elsewhere. For his work researching and promoting Spanish culture he was knighted by order of King Juan Carlos I, and bestowed the Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic.



Stefania Cerutti is Associate Professor of Economic and Political Geography at the University of Piemonte Orientale, Italy. She has PhD in Development Policies and Territorial Management from the University of Trieste. She focuses her research on Cultural and Religious Tourism, Local and Territorial Development, Project Management and European project design. Her research and teaching activity combines with significant participation as a speaker and chair at conferences and seminars, as well as a prolific level of publication both nationally and internationally.

Important Dates

Abstract submissions:	31st January 2019
Notification of Abstract Acceptance:	28th February 2019
Conference Registration Deadline and submission of extended abstract:	15th May 2019
Full Paper Submission:	15th July 2019

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 Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia via email, irtconference@singidunum.ac.rs

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 <https://arrow.dit.ie/irtp>

Location of Conference

The conference takes place at the Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia - Boulevard Peka Dapčevića (Kumodraška St., 261a). The University is located in two locations (Danijelova St., 32, and Boulevard Peka Dapčevića (Kumodraška St., 261a – our event location). To see the location, follow this [link](#)

The international “Nikola Tesla” airport in Belgrade is 15-20 minutes away from the city centre. There are various transfers available to and from the airport. We suggest mini bus line A1 which takes you to the city centre (Slavija square) or a taxi service. A flat-rate taxi service can be booked in the arrivals hall for approximately 20 Euro. For more information see the airport [website](#). Taxis are available throughout the city of Belgrade, especially at the airport, train station and hotels.

For more information on Public transport in Belgrade, visit the following [link](#).

The local currency in Serbia is Serbian dinar (RSD). For a more update information about Exchange Rate please visit the following [link](#).

For more information on Belgrade and Serbia, please visit the following links:

- <http://www.beograd.rs/index.php?lang=cir&kat=beoinfo&sub=220%3f>
- <http://www.tob.rs/>
- <http://www.serbia.travel>

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 at the bottom of the abstract.

Submission Process

- Authors must include the following information in the abstract:
 - (1) name(s) of (all) author(s);
 - (2) affiliation(s) of (all) author(s); and;
 - (3) email address of (all) author(s); (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

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