

Call for Papers: Special Issue

Title: *Intersecting Global Crises and Tensions between Nations: Charting the Future of the Tourism & Hospitality Industry through Politics, Peace, and Prosperity*

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Abstract: In our rapidly evolving global landscape, we are witnessing unprecedented shifts on economic, social, political, technical, legal, and environmental fronts. The nexus of globalization and geo-politics is reshaping economies and influencing international relations, unveiling a plethora of multifaceted crises. This special issue delves deep into these transformations, particularly focusing on their direct and indirect repercussions on the tourism and hospitality industry.

Overview: Reports from the World Economic Forum and the United Nations highlight a confluence of challenges sweeping the globe. The world grapples with a financial downturn, compounded by issues of drug peddling, human trafficking, and the looming shadow of cross-border terrorism. Tensions simmer at international borders, with political unrest and societal polarization on the rise. The health sector, too, isn't untouched, with pandemics and epidemics threatening global populations. Meanwhile, our environment sends distress signals via droughts, food crises, and a rapid loss of biodiversity. As technology strides forward, it brings with it a set of challenges, including the menace of cybercrime and

the pressing concern of the digital divide. Furthermore, the ever-shifting geopolitical chessboard presents its own set of challenges, with power dynamics and trade patterns undergoing significant transformation.

The world stands at a precarious juncture, with acute food insecurity on an alarming rise, affecting millions. Educational and medical institutions find themselves under siege with increased attacks. The climatic changes are hard to ignore, with the past eight years registering as some of the warmest on record. Economic challenges manifest in the form of fuel and food price hikes, pinching low-income countries the hardest. Simultaneously, the health sector battles against formidable adversaries like COVID-19, monkeypox, and Ebola. Societal challenges weave a complex tapestry of digital divides, gender disparities, poverty, and humanitarian crises.

Focus of this Special Issue: This issue seeks to bridge research gaps that arise from these global crises, emphasizing the tourism industry's pivotal role in bolstering economic and social inclusion, equity, peace, and prosperity on a global scale.

Justification of the Proposed Theme: Understanding the nuances of these global challenges is imperative. This theme ventures to assess the symbiotic relationship between global peace and the prosperity ushered in by the tourism sector. It aims to shed light on the mutating global dynamics, offering a comprehensive perspective on sustainability, resilience, and global challenges. Furthermore, it will evaluate the myriad initiatives springing up worldwide to address these concerns.

"Charting the Future of the Tourism & Hospitality Industry through Politics, Peace, and Prosperity" is a broad and multi-faceted topic that involves examining the complex interplay between geopolitical considerations, peace-building efforts, and economic prosperity in the context of the tourism and hospitality sector. By investigating into these areas, we can develop a comprehensive understanding of how politics, peace, and prosperity intersect in shaping the future of the tourism and hospitality industry. Hence, each subtopic offers opportunities for in-depth analysis, exploration of best practices, and the identification of strategies to navigate the complex landscape of this dynamic industry.

Suggested Topics: Papers should focus on, but are not limited to, the following sub-thematic areas:

1. Global Economic Crisis:

- The Economic Ripple Effects of COVID-19 on Global Tourism.
- Examining the Role of Geoeconomic Warfare in Travel Decisions.
- Societal Impacts on Business Dynamics within Tourism & Hospitality.
- The Direct Implications of Surging Inflation on Tourism Services.
- The Economic Aftershocks of the Ukraine Conflict on European Tourism.
- Assessing the Debt Landscape: Financial Health of Tourism and Hotel Firms.
- Supply-chain Disruptions and Its Underlying Effects on Tourism Economy.
- Slower Job Recovery in 2022: Implications for the Tourism Workforce.

2. Global Social Crisis:

- Navigating the Complex Landscape of Global Public Health in Tourism.
- The Crisis in Global Education and Its Impact on Tourism Destinations.
- Strategies for Achieving Global Gender Parity within the Tourism Sector.
- Addressing Gender-based Violence & Sexual Exploitation in Tourism.
- Migration and Displacement: How Tourism Destinations are Adapting.
- The Persistence of the Digital Divide and Its Consequences on Modern Travel.
- The Silent Crisis: Vulnerabilities of Children in Tourism Destinations.
- Exploring the Humanitarian Aspect: Aid Workers in Conflict Zones and Tourist Spots.
- Climate Change: The Unseen Driver of Food and Fuel Price Hikes.

3. Global Political Crisis:

- Understanding the Polarisation of Politics in Key Tourist Destinations.
- International Collaboration in Tourism Development
- Power Dynamics in Nations: Lessons for the Travel and Hospitality Industry.
- The Fallout of the Ukraine-Russia War: Global Tourism in the Crosshairs.
- The Role of NATO and Its Influence on Transatlantic Tourism Trends.
- Global Trade, Deglobalisation, and the New Face of International Tourism.
- US-China Relations: Implications for East-West Travel and Exchange.
- The Political Repercussions of Global Inflation on Travel Decisions.
- Impact of Geopolitical Tensions on Global Tourism Patterns
- Sustainable Tourism in a Turbulent World
- Political Stability and Tourism
- Cultural Diplomacy and Tourism
- Economic Resilience of the Tourism Industry
- Tourism's Role in Post-Conflict Recovery Digital Transformation in Tourism Amidst Global Uncertainty
- Health and Safety in International Travel
- Tourism as a Tool for Peacebuilding
- The Future of Cross-Border Tourism

Important Dates

Authors interested in this special issue are invited to submit an extended abstract (maximum 1000 words excluding references), until **31 March 2024 to the contacts information listed below**. Abstracts should include a title, a brief description of the study (objectives, methods, data, main results), authorship, author affiliation(s), contact information (including the email addresses of all authors) and keywords (maximum six).

Timeline:

Abstract submissions: 31 March 2024

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