

1st presenter

Webinar Outline (Monday, 19th October) / 15 minutes (16:35~16:50)

Presentation Title		Places and flows: Where people feel emotion	
Presenter introduction	Name	Dr. Ondrej Mitas	
	Title, affiliation	Senior lecturer, Breda University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands	
	Short-bio	Dr. Ondrej Mitas is a lecturer at the academy for Tourism, Breda University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands & Center for Tourism Research, Wakayama University, Japan. He is mainly interested in tourism experiences and research on tourism impacts on society. Specifically, he examines positive emotions in leisure and tourism experiences over time and the mechanisms of enjoyment, positivity, and flow in tourism and leisure experiences, and innovative research methods using longitudinal, visual, and mixed method approaches.	
Brief description of presented content		In this session, Dr. Ondrej presents experimental findings of recent research showing how people emotionally interact with the places they visit and how this relates to their flow. Place-based and experience-based theories have well established the relationship between people and places. For instance, interactions between tourists and residents can trigger elevated emotional arousal. Similarly, interaction between visitors and public urban settings can develop affective responses that influence their experience, satisfaction, and intentions. In this context, Dr. Ondrej provides an example of visitors’ emotional responses to street art murals in the City of Breda, the Netherlands. These insights offer practical guidance for developing urban spaces that deliver high-quality urban experiences.	

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Presentation Title		Sculpting Power: The Royal Quarter of Ptolemaic and Roman Alexandria	
Presenter introduction	Name	Mr. Abdallah Osama	
	Title, affiliation	Ph.D. Researcher, Department of Heritage Science, E-JUST (Egypt–Japan University of Science and Technology); Assistant Lecturer, Department of Greek and Roman Archaeology, Faculty of Archaeology, Fayoum University, Egypt	
	Short-bio	Abdallah Osama is a Ph.D. student in Heritage Science at E-JUST and a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Archaeology, Fayoum University. He holds a B.A. in Greek and Roman Archaeology (Excellent, GPA 4.06) and an M.A. in Greek–Roman Antiquities from Cairo University. His research focuses on the sculpture, urban landscape, and visual culture of Ptolemaic and Roman Alexandria, combining iconographic and contextual analysis. He has taken part in archaeological excavations and the documentation of inscriptions, and has helped organise several international academic conferences.	
Brief description of presented content		This presentation explores the sculptures of the Royal Quarter (basileia) of Alexandria during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods, not as isolated artworks but as instruments of visual authority embedded in their architectural and urban setting. Drawing on excavation reports, museum fieldwork, and iconographic analysis, the presentation links statues of divine, royal, and private figures to the buildings and ritual spaces where they once stood. It shows how their placement carried political and symbolic messages, and how a contextual reading can help reconstruct the layout and meaning of Alexandria’s royal landscape.	

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Webinar Outline (Monday, 19th October) 15-minutes (17:05~17:20)

Presentation Title		Vicarious visitors: A new concept in tourism research	
Presenter introduction	Name	Dr. Mohamed Elbarbary	
	Title, affiliation	Lecturer, Center for Tourism Research, Wakayama University, Japan	
	Short-bio	Dr. Mohamed Elbarbary is a lecturer at the Center for Tourism Research, Wakayama University. In 2022, he received a PhD in World Cultural Heritage Studies from the University of Tsukuba, Japan. His research interests cover tourism studies, cultural heritage, human geography, and linguistic landscape. Adopting a mixed-methods approach, he conducted several interdisciplinary research studies that have been published in international peer-reviewed journals.	
Brief description of presented content		In this session, Dr. Elbarbary will introduce the concept of ‘vicarious visitors’ as part of his recent research findings. Most traditional tourism research focuses on visitors or non-visitors, or sub-groups such as frequent and first-time visitors. However, in their research on ‘Evolution of destination image among visitors and non-visitors: Construal level theory perspective’, Dr. Elbarbary and colleagues introduced the concept of ‘vicarious visitors’, which inductively emerged as a sub-group of non-visitors who exhibited significantly reduced psychological distance through credible cognitive mediators, thereby enabling them to construct an image closely aligned with that of actual visitors. In this session, Dr. Elbarbary will discuss this concept and its theoretical implications for tourism research and practical implications for DMOs. This session encourages participants to apply advanced analytical techniques to improve the overall quality of their research.	