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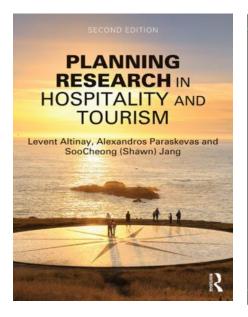


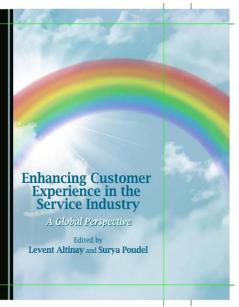
Global Issues, New Research Avenues and Methodologies

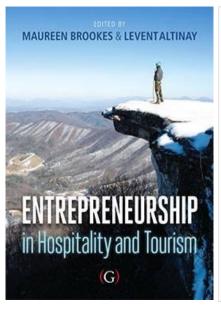
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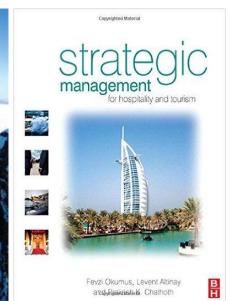
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Global Issues

- Refugee Crisis.
- The Silk Road.
- Climate Change.
- Aging Population and Wellbeing.
- Smart Services.
- Informal Economy.
- Global Peace.







Global Issues

- European Union: Long term future?
- Changing Economic and Social Patterns
- Technological Developments: Social Media.
- Economic growth of China and India.









Global Issues: Chinese Consumers

- Sun and Sea? No thank you.
- What do they do? Visit museums, historical places, do shopping (branded goods).
- Word of mouth or other marketing strategies?









Global Issues: Chinese Consumers

- What do they buy? Souvenirs and Branded Goods.
- Food and food consumption important elements of their visit.
- Language is a major barrier.
- Awareness of cultural sensitivities. 4 vs 8.













- Sociologists, Psychologists, HealthCare researchers, Economists, Risk and Disaster Management researchers with quantitative approaches BUT NOT <u>Service Researchers</u>.
- Need for Transformative Research Agenda
- Finsterwalder, J., Foote, J., Nicholas, G., Taylor, A., Hepi, M., Baker, V. & Dayal, N. (2017) Conceptual underpinnings for transformative research in a service ecosystems context to resolve social issues – framework foundations and extensions, *The Service Industries Journal*, 37:11-12, 766-782.







- The well-being and quality of life of refugees
- Healthcare management of refugees: identifying signs of exploitation
- Legal and societal discrimination against immigrants and refugees
- The role of service industries in the social and economic integration of refugees
- Refugee entrepreneurship
- Assessing modern slavery and human exploitation risks
- CSR policies and their effectiveness in eliminating labour exploitation in service industries' value chains







- Characteristics of the informal economy in specific service industries
- Poverty and welfare of domestic service providers
- Factors behind demand for, and supply of, informal economy provision in service industries (e.g. in transport, hotels, restaurants and households).
- The role of the informal sector in the sharing economy
- Policy initiatives to tackle the informal economy in the service sector







- How innovation in the service industries can facilitate the growth of agro-ecological farming and food production for human and societal health and wellbeing.
- Evaluating the responsibilities of marketing in framing/promoting ecological messages to enhance consumption of foods that advance ecological and human health and wellbeing.
- Evaluating the interrelationship between food, health, sustainability and consumer and societal well-being.
- Assessing the acceptance of novel food innovations in addressing food insecurity due to climate change.







- Conceptualizations of the nexus between political instability, insecurity and service trade.
- Peacebuilding through CSR, tourism and other service activities
- Smart transformations: innovation, creativity and business models for smart services
- Societal, cultural and economic impacts of smart services
- One Belt and Road Initiative for international and domestic service industry issues.
- The economic, political, environmental, and social cultural impacts of the service industry development on the Silk Road area.

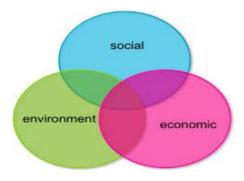


Methodologies

Interdisciplinary, social science informed research



Potential to make economic, social and/or environmental impact



International scope







Methodologies

- More qualitative, theory building exercises
- Preferably mixed methods, longitudinal research designs.
- Experiments
- Living Labs
- Action Research
- Big Data
- Research Instruments developed within particular cultures... i.e Chinese
- More multidisciplinary research with multidisciplinary teams.





Methodologies

- International research collaborations and knowledge exchange with 'cultural awareness'
- Increase the number of research outputs in high quality journals but impact on practice
- Skillsets mix and profile
- Multi/interdisciplinary research training in international context











Final Remarks

- Strong Collegiality, creativity and innovation.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Produce cutting edge research through developing and publishing multi and interdisciplinary research ideas that address social, economic, political and environmental problems.
- Inform practice and policy making in organisations and destinations both nationally and internationally by engaging in dissemination activities.
- Develop collaborative research activities internationally (preferably in emerging markets such as China, India, and Brazil) in order to internationalise the research output, and the curriculum.





- Publish research that contributes to the development of theory in the areas of management, marketing, human resources, operations management, entrepreneurship, innovation, and financial management.
- Attract papers from researchers whose studies are informed by social sciences such as sociology, psychology, economics, law and politics.
- Contributions are welcomed from around the globe addressing contemporary social, economic, political and environmental issues.







Structural Changes and Appointments Made

- Multidisciplinary journal (SSCI) was established in 1981.
- Three Strategy Editors have been appointed.
- Two Regional Editors for Each Region the Americas, Europe, Asia Pacific and Australia – have been appointed with a more proactive role of identifying and inviting 'cutting edge' and 'innovative' research submissions to the journal.
- Five Methodology Editors have been appointed to help with the initial manuscript screening.
- Two social media editors have been appointed.
- One Chinese Language Editor has been appointed to offer support and assistance with the translation of the abstracts of accepted papers in Mandarin Chinese.
- Expanding the editorial board to reflect interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives







Special Issues

- Tourist Engagement in the Tourism Industry
- Service Industries and Informal Economy
- Refugee Crisis and Human Exploitation: the Role of Service Industries
- Innovations and Behaviour Change
- Political Environment, Security and the Service Industries
- Smart Services: Theoretical Approaches and Implications for Service Providers and Customers
- The Silk Road and the Service Industries

