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Preamble
The COVID-19 pandemic has engulfed the globe and has already had an enormous impact on life as we once knew it. With airplanes grounded, millions of people in quarantine and hundreds of travel bans in place, COVID-19 has brought the global tourism industry to a grinding halt (Jamal & Budke, 2020). As tourism focused scholars, the pandemic has revealed how little we really know about how to deal with such extraordinary crises or its aftershocks. Anthropologists and geographers have shown how crisis produces meaning and initiates critique of a given condition (Masco, 2017; Mbembe & Roitman, 1995; Roitman, 2013). The judgment of crisis can also frame problems as “error” or “malfunction” and divert attention to the crisis itself rather than its structural roots. In this way, crisis can enable the concealment of deteriorating conditions of production and its corollary social structures by stabilizing the conditions through which it is produced (Barrios, 2017: 151; Solway, 1994). Marshal Sahlins (1972), for instance, refers to disasters as “revelatory crises” through which the structural contradictions of the mode of production are revealed by interruptions to socio-economic life that can no longer be ignored. COVID-19 is an unprecedented crisis that has the potential to unravel all we once knew about, among others, social inequality, environmental sustainability and host-guest encounters. Indeed, it has shocked the very core of global tourism.

This special issue builds on these insights to ask, where does tourism we go from here? It is, very simply, a timely call to action - action in research as well as praxis (critical change). It aims to advance the knowledge base regarding the crises and threats that are shaping the 21st century landscape of travel from the local to the global. While COVID-19 presently looms large on the global stage, the future will undoubtedly bring with it more crises and shocks, many of them unparalleled in terms of their nature, scope and reach (Norum, Mostafanezhad & Azcárate, 2020). These crises, as Naomi Klein as recently pointed out (2020), also have the potential to reveal the internal contradictions of capital accumulation. And, as states prepare for the economic fall out, we may also witness how crisis can be used as a political tool to stabilize existing structures and diminish the possibility of collective mobilization (Masco, 2017).

Tourism in Crisis: Global Threats to Sustainable Tourism Futures raises timely issues for tourism futures in terms of how destinations and communities might address ongoing crises as well as how they may engage in future-proofing. As Alan Lew recently put, “We need to take this opportunity to listen and learn what our larger planet-self is trying to tell us. Until we do that, we are likely to just experience disaster and crisis after disaster and crisis well into the future” (2020).
In this vein, papers in this issue may also consider how planners might think anew about how to facilitate more sustainable human and non-human tourism assemblages. Additionally, how might we prepare for and respond to crises in ways that unfold into new relations of production that adhere to an enhanced sense of care for the planet and its inhabitants. Finally, we seek papers that consider what lessons can be learned from past and present crises and how may these be integrated into tourism policy, planning and practice.

**Special Issue Aims**

This special issue of the *Journal of Tourism Futures* appeals for a timely and pressing call for action in research and practice. It invites researchers and scholars working on diverse topics to engage actively with the global threats that are likely to affect travel and tourism in the 21st century, and offer directions that facilitate resilience, sustainability and proactive action. Many of these “crises” are ongoing and changing rapidly as new and often unprecedented events arise (consider the bushfires in Australia that ushered in 2020). Situations like COVID-19 are also unfolding rapidly and often ahead of institutional and governmental responses, necessitating rapid response and timely sharing of research and recommendations. Action research on the ground is needed to document the myriad circumstances and changes occurring, identify responsible actions (and/or lack thereof) by various tourism related stakeholders, while also including the responsibility of visitors and residents of tourism destinations.

Our aim is to facilitate timely, swift and globally accessible research and informed perspectives on critical global issues. The *Journal of Tourism Futures* (JTF) is open access and free of article publishing fees. Written in an accessible manner, contributions to this special issue will strive to be of interest to the tourism industry, public health industry and policy makers, amongst a bevy of others. Research papers, research notes, theoretical treatise and industry viewpoints are invited that focus on key themes below (although not exclusively):

- Crises planning, management and policy development in tourism
- Tourism future-proofing and/or scenario planning
- Climate change mitigation and tourism planning
- Resilience building in tourism communities and destinations
- Tourism and pandemics
- Tourism and public health intersections
- Tourism and natural disasters
- Disaster recovery in tourism
- Geopolitical crises and tourism
- Tourism and conflict
- Tourism and technology disruption
- Tourism and new and emerging dystopias
- Economic crises and tourism
- Tourism and industrial accidents
- Tourism and social-ecological system collapse
- Tourism, protests and social movement actions
- Policy failure in tourism
- Food security and bio-regionalism
- Tourism and mass displacement
- Humanitarian disasters and tourism
- Tourism and disaster capitalism
The special issue will comprise of an editorial, followed by up to 15 articles covering full papers, research notes and industry oriented “Viewpoints” on diverse topics leveraging varied geographical contexts and addressing a wide spectrum of crisis situations including environmental, political, economic and social crises, among others. Published articles will go on Early Cite where it will be freely available worldwide.

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Works Cited


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Key abstract requirements include:

- Authors must supply a structured abstract in their submission (maximum 400 words including keywords), set out under 4-7 sub-headings:
  - Purpose (mandatory)
  - Design/methodology/approach (mandatory)
  - Findings (mandatory)
  - Research limitations/implications (if applicable)
  - Practical implications (if applicable)
  - Social implications (if applicable)
  - Originality/value (mandatory)

- Abstracts should be provided in Microsoft Word (12, Times New Roman, single spaced)

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Abstracts will be selected for the limited number of spots in the special issue based on: (i) Ensuring wide diversity of global threats addressed, (ii) Contribution to knowledge base benchmarks to guide future research and practice, (iii) Inclusive of diverse methodologies and research paradigms, (iv) Relevance to planetary and societal sustainability, (v) Future-oriented as per JTF’s guidelines.
Special Issue Timelines

2020
March 31: Special Issue proposal submitted to JTF
April 6: CFP released
April 30: 400-word abstract due
May 15: Review of abstracts completed/Authors contacted
October 31: Manuscripts due
Nov.-Dec.14: Review Round 1; referee reports forwarded to authors

2021
March 1: Revised articles due; review Round 2; forward referee reports
May 30: All remaining articles due
September 1: Special Issue published (note: all accepted articles go on Early Cite first)

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