Tourism and Leisure PhD Program

Doctoral Days

Rovira i Virgili University, Catalonia

Vila-seca Campus, Faculty of Tourism and Geography

29-31\textsuperscript{th} October 2014
Tourism and Leisure Ph.D. Program. **Doctoral Days**

- An annual 3-day event directed to the URV PhD students in Tourism and Leisure
  - A number of the most inspiring international scholars in the field
  - Focus on innovation in tourism research
  - Discussion of methodological issues and design research strategies

**The chance to discuss with some of the most cutting edge researchers the progress of your doctoral thesis and get some feedback from them**

**Open to PhD students and academics from other universities and research centers**

This workshop aims at presenting breakthrough research topics and methods to researchers who are currently writing their PhD thesis in Tourism. It will do so through the active involvement of three distinguished international researchers (**Jan van der Borg**, **Rafael Boix** and **Irena Ateljevic**) and the participation of the chief editor of one of the most prominent tourism research journals, *Annals of Tourism Research* (**John Tribe**).

All of them have an extensive experience in a large amount of international and national projects and a proven capacity to involve doctoral candidates in such a top research.

PhD candidates will have the opportunity, during the three morning open sessions, to learn about their most recent research efforts: problems challenged, methods deployed, and outputs generated; and, during the closed-group sessions, they will have the chance to share with them their current or future research projects and the problems faced, discussing solutions, getting practical suggestions, and possibly also querying about future collaborations and tutorships.

*Prof. Salvador Anton Clavé, PhD Program Director*
Program

Wednesday 29th October 2014

09.00  Welcome and institutional opening

09.15  Methods in Tourism Research. Urban and development issues
        Prof. Jan van der Borg, KU of Leuven and Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
        (Chair: Antonio Paolo Russo, URV)

12.15  Coffee break

12.30  Closed-group supervision meeting with Prof. Jan van der Borg

14.00  Lunch time

15.00  Workshop Conference:
        Innovative thinking in academic research
        Dr. Francisco Andrade, Innovation Hub

        Workshop:
        New transformation capabilities
        Dr. Jordi Cartanyà, Campus of International Excellence Southern Catalonia

Thursday 30th October 2014

09.00  Methods in Tourism Research. Clusters and innovation systems
        Prof. Rafael Boix Domènech, Universitat de València
        (Chair: Juan Antonio Duro, URV)

12.15  Coffee break

12.30  Keynote Presentation:
        Frontiers in Tourism Research.
        Prof. John Tribe, Editor-in-chief of Annals of Tourism Research, University of Surrey
        (Chair: Salvador Anton Clavé, URV)

13.30  Lunch time

15.00  Closed-group supervision meeting with Prof. Rafael Boix Domènech
Friday 31\textsuperscript{th} October 2014

09.00  \textbf{Methods in Tourism Research. Qualitative and critical approaches}  
\textit{Prof. Irena Ateljevic}, Scientific Associate, Institute for Tourism, Zagreb and Visiting Scholar at Wageningen University, Department of Cultural Geography \textit{(Chair: Sunsi Huertas, URV)}

12.15  Coffee break

12:30  \textit{Testimonials, experiences and practicalities: Life beyond the PhD dissertation}  
Sr. Carles García Mellado, Head of the Research Office, Rovira i Virgili University  
Dr. Julie Wilson, Geography Department, Rovira i Virgili University  
Dr. Estela Mariné, Business Department, Lleida University

13:30  Lunch time

15.00  \textbf{Closed-group supervision meeting with Prof. Irena Ateljevic}

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Assistance to the workshop

This workshop is offered to the PhD candidates in the Tourism and Leisure PhD Program of the University Rovira i Virgili, to other young researchers from the associated research groups, and to a limited number of external participants.

Attendance is free for URV researchers and staff, although it is strongly advised to register. PhD candidates will have the opportunity to present their thesis projects and preliminary results to the invited lecturers in closed-groups sessions. PhD candidates will be assigned to such close group sessions according to the topic and disciplinary interest. They will have 10 minutes to briefly present their research topics, followed by a short session of questions and answers with the invited lecturers about methodological issues and other practical matters related to their research work. Arrangements will be done for remote supervision sessions by Skype upon demand for those PhD candidates who are enjoying a research stay abroad.

Attendance for external researchers from other Catalan, Spanish and international universities will charged 30 € for a one-day attendance and 60 € for the full 3-day duration of the workshop. This will also include participation to the closed-group supervision session upon availability. Interested parties should contact the Workshop Secretariat (Ruben Aguado, @: ruben.aguado [at] urv.cat) to enquire about the fee payment and the inclusion in the supervision sessions, also possibly in Skype mode.

All plenary sessions will be video-recorded, and the presentations made available after the meeting on the URV PhD program in tourism and leisure website: Training Activities.

The workshop language will be English.

Access

The meeting will be held in the Faculty of Tourism and Geography of University Rovira i Virgili.

See directions here: www.ftg.urv.cat

Parking is available at several locations around the Faculty.

Vila-seca can be reached with RENFE ‘Media Distancia’ Trains.

Check timetables here: www.renfe.com/CA/viajeros/

Registration

Please send a mail to the Workshop Secretariat (ruben.aguado [at] urv.cat)