

# 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Papers

## International Conference Announcement

**Sustainable Tourism Development –Issues, Challenges and Debates**  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Kathmandu, Nepal**

[www.nepalconference.com](http://www.nepalconference.com)

Following on from the success of the 7<sup>th</sup> international tourism conference, the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on ‘Sustainable Tourism Development: Issues, Challenges & Debates’ aims to provide a stimulating forum for academics, emerging researchers, policy-makers, industry practitioners, marketing professionals, and destination management to discuss the latest issues and suggest solutions and strategies in the planning, development and management of sustainable tourism in an era of climate change.

Set against the backdrop of the Himalayas, the conference will be held in the 5\* Yak & Yeti Hotel in the heart of Kathmandu. We are expecting the Honourable Minister for Tourism, Mr. Jeeban Bahadur Shahi, Deepak Raj Joshi, CEO of the Nepal Tourism Board and a number of heads from the tourism industry to attend.

### Conference Themes

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| (1) Development & policy                            | (8) Tourism dependency   |
| (2) Impacts   | (9) Destination marketing & tourism demand                                 |
| (3) Small & medium enterprises                      | (10) Economic restructuring  |
| (4) Tourism strategies                              | (11) Volunteer tourism & Travel Philanthropy                               |
| (5) Rural tourism –homestays & cultural experiences | (12) Crisis Management: Responding to natural and / or political disasters |
| (6) Trekking & Mountain tourism                     |  |
| (7) Eco-tourism as a force for development          |  |

The conference will be hosted by Buckinghamshire New University, TEI Crete, Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management (NATHM) & organised by Backpack Ltd.

### **Key Dates:**

#### **31<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Early bird fee is £290 with concessions for students & observers. Please contact us for further information.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Submission of abstracts. All abstracts to be submitted to conference secretariat at [iwickens@gmail.com](mailto:iwickens@gmail.com)

All submissions will be subject to double blind review and published in the refereed conference proceedings. Furthermore, there will be an additional post conference publication opportunity of a Special Issue of a peer reviewed journal.

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

Conference fee is £350

Deadline to pay full conference fee of £350. The conference fee includes conference proceedings, refreshments, lunches and a Gala dinner.

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Pre conference & Post conference tours to be confirmed. Payment will be taken on arrival in Nepal. *Please note:* Date of pre-conference trips to be determined.

**25<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Conference proceedings.

**29<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Post Conference Trips.

For full details and updates on the conference can be found at <http://nepalconference.com>

I am happy to assist with any further information you might require.

We hope that you can attend as we expect this to be one of our most engaging and rewarding conferences. A portion of the conference fee will go towards helping rebuild Nepal post-earthquake. Our nominated recipient is the Bayargharia Primary School –an underfunded government school which supports the education of marginalised, low caste Dalit children who would otherwise not have an opportunity to attend school. The school is located in Chitwan and should they wish to do so, each delegate will have a chance to visit the school and see their donation being utilised as part of the optional Chitwan tour.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 Conference.

Professor Dr Eugenia Wickens  
Conference Chair