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CO-CREATING THE FUTURE OF TOURISM

Call for submissions on

FAMILY TOURISM

Thematic session at the INVTUR 2017 Conference

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In order to complement the regular program with emerging topics in tourism research, the INVTUR 2017 conference on "Co-creating the Future of Tourism" will include a thematic session on "family tourism".

INVTUR 2017 aims to stimulate discussion and to introduce new approaches to explore emerging paradigms of value and knowledge co-creation in the marketplace that will lay the foundations for a new tourism ecosystem. This session addresses the conference aims by contributing to de-masculinize, re-socialize and de-exoticise tourism research by following the social turn's call for tourism research that emphasizes family and kinship, and especially how families 'do family' and perform thick sociality during the holidays. Although the *nuclear* family is often emphasized in family tourism research, this session cordially welcomes research on other types of 'families', such as extended families, binuclear families, poor families, rainbow families, groups of friends traveling together, VFF, etc.

The thematic session seeks submissions, in English, that attempt to address the following key issues, including (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Family tourism, leisure and holidays;
- Family holidays and decision-making processes;
- Emerging family types and trends;
- Less affluent families and tourism, leisure and traveling;
- Rainbow families and tourism;
- Children, tweens, teenagers and holidaying;
- Non-western research on family tourism.

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Extended abstracts (up to 6,000 characters), full papers or posters should be submitted electronically by October 31st, 2016 to Bodil Stilling Blichfeldt (<u>bsb@sdu.dk</u>). Papers presented at the session will be considered for publication in a special issue of the Journal of Tourism and Development published by the University of Aveiro. For further information regarding submission guidelines, conference fees and program, accommodation, how to get to the conference venue, and registration forms, please visit the INVTUR 2017 conference website: <u>http://www.ua.pt/invtur/</u>.