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***“Come Back Home”***



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2<sup>nd</sup> UNICARTourism International Conference

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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

(All sessions are attended in both live and remote mode)

*Times may be subject to last-minute changes, based on the needs of some speakers*

**Saturday, 22 April 2023, h 9:00 - 13:00**

**22 April, h 9:00 - Start of participants registration**

**22 April, h 9:25 - Conference opening and presentation**

*Francesco Favia, President of International Academic Research Center UNICART (Italy/Albania)*

**22 April, h 9:30 - Institutional Speeches**

- H.E. Milena KUMBARO FURXHI, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania
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**22 April, h 10:30 – The Award “The Journey of Roots”**

**22 April, h 10:45 - Invited Contributions (Session 1a)** - Chairperson: Tullio Romita (Italy)

10:45 - Gianvico CAMISASCA (Italy), Diplomacy, Economy and Tourism

11:00 - Milena BERTANI (Italy), FOODLAND - Mediterranean food landscapes

11:15 - Edoardo Maurizio TURCI (Italy), Rubiconia Accademia dei Filopatridi among history, culture and tourism

11:30 - Emanuele BETTINI (Italy), The Mediterranean between History, Tourism and Culture

**22 April, h 11:45 - Policies for Tourism (Session 1b)** - Chairperson: Tullio Romita (Italy)

11:45 - Leonidas PAPAKONSTANTINIDIS (Greece), Sustainable Tourism: win-win-win Papakonstantinidis model

11:55 - Pietro GALLO (Italy), Maria Antonietta SPOSATO (Italy), Patrizia FIORE (Italy), Safeguarding the Territory and the Environment: A New Model of Tourism Development

12:05 - Maria POMPÒ (Italy), Free trade between Italy and the western Balkans and recovery policies

**22 April, h 12:15 - Roots Tourism (Session 2a)** - Chairperson: Antonella Perri (Italy)

12:15 - Raffaella RUBINO (Italy), Arjeta VESHI (Albania), Tourism from the Roots of Puglia : Between Cult and Connections in the World

12:25 - Maurizio Arturo BOIOCCHI (Italy), Root Tourism

12:35 - Rosa GALLELLI (Italy), Renna PASQUALE (Italy), Michela CASOLARO (Italy), Paths of memory. Rediscover the "tourism resource" for the rehabilitation and training of elderly migrants.

**22 April, h 12:45 - Tourism technologies (Session 2b)** - Chairperson: Antonella Perri (Italy)

- 12:45 - *Sonia MANSOUR (Tunisie), The design at the service of heritage*  
12:55 - *Crocco GIOVANNA (Italy), Eleonora DE LUCA (Italia ), Tourism and culture in the digital age: cases and success stories*  
13:05 - *Caterina AURA (Italy), The role of digitalization in roots tourism*  
**13:15 - (BREAKFAST PAUSE)**
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**Saturday, 22 April 2023, h 14:30 - 18:10**

- 22 April, h 14:30 - Policies and Politics (Session 3a)** - Chairperson: *Engjëllushe Zenelaj (Albania)*
- 14:30 - *Skender UKU (Albania), Elona SHEHU (Albania), Management of Direct and Indirect Emergencies and Economic Impact (Albania 2019-2022)*  
14:40 - *Ermela KRIPA (Albania), Orkida ILOLLARI (Albania), Exploring the Crucial Role of the Banking Sector in Financing Albania's Thriving Tourism Industry*  
14:50 - *Giovanni TOCCI (Italy), Enhancement of Italian small towns and the National Recovery and Resilience Plan: the experience of smart villages*
- 22 April, h 15:00 - Experiences (Session 3b)** - Chairperson: *Engjëllushe Zenelaj (Albania)*
- 15:00 - *Antonella PERRI (Italy), Tullio ROMITA (Italy), Paths of reflection on the concept of experiential tourism*  
15:10 - *Letizia CARRERA (Italy), The elderly and their desire for experience. One of the new challenges of tourism*  
15:20 - *Peppino DE ROSE (Italy), Martina ABATE (Italy), Emanuela ACETO (Italy), Urban Tourism: A new frontier of cultural and experiential tourism*
- 22 April, h 15:30 - Sustainability (Session 4a)** - Chairperson: *Tullio Romita (Italy)*
- 15:30 - *Eveny CIURLEO (Italy), Carmelo ARENA (Italy), Sustainable tourism: a study on the cruise sector*  
15:40 - *Giovanna DODARO (Italy), Sustainable and Responsible Tourism*  
15:50 - *Giovanni TARANTINO (Italy), Tourism and sustainability. A reading starting from the modification of articles 9 and 41 of the Italian Constitution.*
- 22 April, h 16:00 - Roots and heritage (Session 4b)** - Chairperson: *Tullio Romita (Italy)*
- 16:00 - *Giovanni TOCCI (Italy), Return tourism and strategies for the recovery of tourism in the experience of the "Borghi Autentici d'Italia" network*  
16:10 - *Vittoria BOŠNA (Italy), A path of Cultural Heritage for building community building strategies*  
16:20 - *Andrea ACRI (Italy), Roots Tourism as an Opportunity for the Rebirth of Internal Villages. The Case of Calabria*
- 22 April, h 16:30 - Teaching Tourism (Session 5b)** - Chairperson: *Giovanni Tocci (Italy)*
- 16:30 - *Nicola TENERELLI (Italy), Alessandro BARCA (Italy), Pedagogy of the journey: beyond the Pillars of Hercules.*  
16:40 - *Giuseppe DE BARTOLO (Italy), The impact of demographics and cultural tourism on university enrolments in Calabria, Italy*  
16:50 - *Tullio ROMITA (Italy), Antonella PERRI (Italy), Graduating in tourism? The difficult relationship between university education, on-the-job training, higher education and the labor market.*
- 22 April, h 17:00 - Hospitality vs. Inhospitality (Session 5a)** - Chairperson: *Giovanni Tocci (Italy)*
- 17:00 - *Domenico Antonio BARBUTO (Italy), "Tourists? They are so good only when they stay at home!" Tourism and its "spaces"*  
17:10 - *Ornella CARLINO (Italy-Albania), Problematics of human resource activities in the tourism and hospitality industry*  
17:20 - *Faranak MEMARZADEH (USA), Nima MOINPOUR (USA), Place Attachment and Place Identity as Cornerstones of a Hospitality Inquiry; How to Bring the Near; Nearer?*
- 22 April, h 17:30 - Young Researchers on Tourism (Session 6)** - Chairperson: *Francesco Favia (Italy)*
- 17:30 - *Luca Giuseppe CARNIMEO (Italy), Stadium tourism*  
17:40 - *Diana Mihaela ANDONE (Italy), From Solid Social 'Relationships' to Liquid 'Connections' in the Tourism*  
17:50 - *Francesco Maria GENTILE (Italy), The Transformation of Tourism through Technology*  
18:00 - *Elisa GALLO (Italy), Elevating Roots Tourism and genealogy trough AI-Driven Technologies*  
18:10 - *(CONFERENCE INTERRUPTION)*
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## Sunday, 23 April 2023, h 9:00 - 12:30

**23 April, h 9:00 - Greenery and Health (Session 7a)** - Chairperson: Pietro Iaquinta (Italy)

- 9:00 - Alessandra PICONESE (Italy), **Green Cultural Tourism: the Minimum Environmental Criteria for Cultural Events**
- 9:10 - Luigi BOLLANI (Italy), Alessandro BONADONNA (Italy), **Tourism in cities with nature-based solutions: the users' point of view in a case study.**
- 9:20 - Stefania GALASSI (Italy), Tullio ROMITA (Italy), Antonella PERRI (Italy), **The social tourism: the right to vacation for people with disabilities**

**23 April, h 9:30 - Tourism and Transports (Session 7b)** - Chairperson: Pietro Iaquinta (Italy)

- 9:30 - Federico DE ANDREIS (Italy), Ubaldo COMITE (Italy), Federico Maria SOTTORIVA (Italy), **Aviation and transport accessibility: Advantage tools for tourism destinations**
- 9:40 - Elisabetta VENEZIA (Italy), **Composite indicators and gender gap measurement in the transport and in the tourism sectors**
- 9:50 - Danilo ARENA (Italy), **Road Safety in Europe and Italy**

**23 April, h 10:00 - Tourism and Economics (Session 8a)** - Chairperson: Ubaldo Comite (Italy))

- 10:00 - Orkida ILOLLARI (Albania), Ines KOCIAJ (Albania), **The trend of tourism as a driver of economic growth and the policies to develop it to a sustainable future in Albania**
- 10:10 - Carlo CRIALESI ESPOSITO (Italy), **Tourism in the silver economy**
- 10:20 - Albana JEMINAJ (Albania), **The right to tourism, the case of Albania**

**23 April, h 10:30 - Sustainability in Tourism (Session 8b)** - Chairperson: Ubaldo Comite (Italy)

- 10:30 - Eneida ÇIFLIGU (Albania), Ilir SOSOLI (Albania), **The contribution of agritourism to sustainable rural development**
- 10:40 - Gabriella SICOLI (Italy), Maurizio RIJA (Italy), Dominga Anna IPPOLITO (Italy), **Sustainable tourism and enhancement of coastal areas. The role of environmental certifications**
- 10:50 - Francesco BADIA (Italy), Adriana DE CARNE (Italy), **Sustainability reporting quality in the tourism sector: a focus on the hotel chains**

**23 April, h 11:00 - Rural and wine-food tourism (Session 9a)** - Chairperson: Francesco D. d'Ovidio (Italy)

- 11:00 - Giovanni PEIRA (Italy), Giorgio MINA (Italy), **Wild plant foraging activities as rural tourism experience to enhance local territories' social, economic, and environmental sustainability. The case of Chiusella Valley.**
- 11:10 - Giulio ANTONUCCI (Italy), Enrico TRICANICO (Italy), **The contribution of the initiative "Open Farms" to the sustainable tourism in the Sila National Park**
- 11:20 - Andrea FILELLA (Italy), Vincenzo DE LORENZO (Italy), Pasqualino FILELLA (Italy), **The Route of Wine and Flavour as New Frontier of the "Tourism of Roots". Empirical Evidence from the Calabria Region.**

**23 April, h 11:30 - Art&Culture in Tourism (Session 9b)** - Chairperson: Francesco D. d'Ovidio (Italy)

- 11:30 - Majlinda LIÇI KOÇI (Albania), **The use of folklore as an incentive for tourism in Albania**
- 11:40 - Elia FIORENZA (Italy), **New considerations on some unpublished epigraphs in the frescoes of Cattolica di Stilo**
- 11:50 - Alessandra TESSARI (Italy), **The literary places of Salento: a tourist product to be valorised**

**23 April, h 12:00 - Miscellaneous (Session 10)** - Chairperson: Francesco Favia (Italy)

- 12:00 - Pietro IAQUINTA (Italy), Elia FIORENZA (Italy), **Tourism and industrial archeology: the roots of a forgotten development**
- 12:10 - Ludovica RODIGHIERO (Italy), **Incidence of divorce in couples with children with disabilities.**
- 12:20 - Francesco FAVIA (Italy - Albania), Iris CEKANI (Albania), Nicola FAVIA (Italy), **The new immersive frontiers of tourism. Tourism and territory development through the use of drones and virtual reality**

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**23 April, h 12:30 - Conference Closing**

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