

From Founding Editor-in-Chief

The *Journal of Global Tourism Research* is receiving more and more papers, thanks to your help. The fifth award for the excellent paper was selected from the papers over the last two years by members of the editorial board of the International Society for Tourism Research.

The two papers below have been selected for the ‘Excellent Paper Award’ of the International Society for Tourism Research and award certificates will be presented. We hope that the founding of the award for the best paper will prompt more authors to contribute excellent research papers. Also we expect the contents of the papers will be put into practical use and the tourism industry is developed further.

The scope of the word “tourism” is quite wide. To this end, we thought that it is important to explain the reception category more clearly. The categories and the details will be explained on the page of “Call for Papers” and also our website.

Takashi Oyabu
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Excellent Paper Award

- Business hours adjustment based on pedestrian count data toward dynamic business hour setting:
Demonstration at a restaurant in Takayama
Ryo Hori, Mayu Urata, Mamoru Endo, and Takami Yasuda
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This paper is highly original in proposing and validating the dynamic adjustment of business hours according to visitor demand using pedestrian count data obtained from AI cameras. By linking people-flow analysis directly to store operations and sales evaluation, it provides valuable findings with clear practical relevance for tourism destinations and commercial districts. As a practical study contributing to both smart tourism and regional revitalization, it is highly commendable and well worthy of a paper award.

- From tourist phobia to xenophobia: How tourism discourses shape foreigners’ policy in Japan
Misako Fukushima
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This paper is highly original in empirically demonstrating how dissatisfaction with tourists caused by overtourism transforms into exclusionary discourse toward foreigners and becomes politically instrumentalized. By integrating tourism and migration studies, it reveals an underexplored socio-political mechanism. Its rigorous use of media analysis and election data effectively bridges theory and evidence, offering valuable and timely insights into contemporary policy challenges related to immigration, social cohesion, and tourism governance.

Notification of Scopus listing

We are pleased to announce that our journal has been accepted for indexing in Scopus. This achievement reflects the dedication of our authors, reviewers, and editorial team in maintaining high academic standards and contributing meaningful research to the global scholarly community. Inclusion in Scopus enhances the visibility and accessibility of our publications, allowing a wider audience to engage with the work we publish. We sincerely thank all those who have supported us on this journey. We remain committed to further improving the quality and impact of our journal and look forward to continued collaboration and growth in the years ahead.



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