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Dr Ante Mandić currently holds the position of Associate Professor of Sustainable Tourism at the Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, University of Split, Croatia. Additionally, he is associated with the Human Dimension of Natural Resources at the Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University, USA, and serves as an external examiner at Breda University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands.

His field of expertise lies in nature-based tourism and sustainability, with a specific focus on strategic policy planning and implementation, and destination management. Dr Ante Mandić's doctoral thesis, titled "Impact of the Public Attributes of National Parks on Hotel Prices" (public viva - December 2017, Supervisor Prof. Lidija Petrić), centered around the positive spillover effects of protected and conserved areas on actors involved in the destination value chain.

He has significantly contributed to academia by editing three impactful special issues of SJR-rated journals:

- Tourism Planning and Development - Sustainable and resilient nature-based tourism development in the post-pandemic era" (CiteScore 6.5; co-edited with Anna Spenceley and Yu-Fai Leung; ongoing),
- "Journal of Ecotourism - Sustainable Visitor Experience Design in Nature-based Tourism" (CiteScore 6.8; co-edited with Stephen F. McCool; published: Volume 22, Issue 1 (2023)),
- "Journal of Ecotourism - Regenerative ecotourism and A-growthism: from Anthropocentrism to Deep Ecology" (CiteScore 6.8; co-edited with Sandeep K Walia, Rohan Bhalla, Zahed Ghaderi; ongoing).

Additionally, he has published five highly relevant books:

- "Handbook on Managing Nature Based Tourism Destinations Amid Climate Change" (Edward Elgar; 2024; co-edited with Anna Spenceley and David Fennell).
- "Legacy and Innovation: Integrating Cultural Heritage Conservation with Contemporary Tourism Management" (Springer Cham; 2024; co-edited with Rui Alexandre Castanho and Tatjana Pivac), and
- "The Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development" (Routledge; 2023; co-edited with Sandeep K. Walia),
- "Cultural Sustainable Tourism: Strategic Planning for a Sustainable Development" (Springer Cham; 2022; co-edited with Rui Alexandre Castanho and Uglješa Stanković),
- "Mediterranean Protected Areas in the Era of Overtourism: Challenges and Solutions" (Springer Cham; 2021; co-edited with Lidija Petrić),

In recognition of his outstanding research contributions, Dr. Ante Mandić was honored with the extraordinary doctoral prize of the academic year 2017/18 by the University of Split. Furthermore, he was awarded the Annual Social Science Research Award (2022) by the University of Split, Ministry of Education and Science. Dr Ante Mandić's research has had a significant policy impact, leading him to be commissioned by the Croatian Ministry of Sports and Tourism (2022/2023) as an advisor for scenario planning as part of the Sustainable Tourism Strategy until 2030. Presently, he is at the forefront of leading the development of the Sustainable Tourism Master plan for the rural area in Dalmatia, the most visited Croatian region, and several destination management plans and carrying capacity assessments, including the one for Trogir, UNESCO WHS.

Since 2021, Dr Ante Mandić has served as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist Group (TAPAS), where, as Coordinator of Knowledge Development, he has played a pivotal role in shaping global approaches to sustainable nature-based tourism. He is the lead author of the *IUCN WCPA Issues Paper Series No. 07 – Strengthening Sustainable Tourism's Role in Biodiversity Conservation and Community Resilience* (2025), a flagship publication that operationalizes IUCN Resolution 130 and provides policymakers, conservation practitioners, and tourism stakeholders with strategic guidance, recommended actions, and international case studies to align tourism with biodiversity targets and equitable community benefits, supporting the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. His earlier contributions include co-authoring Resolution 130, adopted at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille (2022), and participating in the global study Tourism in Protected Areas amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, published in the UNWTO One Planet Vision for a Responsible Recovery of the Tourism Sector report.

Dr. Ante Mandić has made significant contributions at both national and international levels. Notably, he served as the principal advisor to the Croatian Ministry of Tourism and Sports, aiding in scenario-based planning as part of the Strategy for Sustainable Tourism Development through 2030, formulated in 2022. In 2024–2025, he advised the Ministry on the development and implementation of technical guidelines for destination-level carrying capacity assessment and for destination management planning. Additionally, he is advising the Croatian Institute for Tourism

on the development of an Environmental Satellite Account at the regional level, and his expertise extends to developing regional Tourism Master and Implementation Plans. Since 2024, he has been an accredited *Expert Trainer for the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)*, authorized to deliver official GSTC training programs on sustainability standards and best practices for destinations and tourism enterprises. Further, Dr. Mandić has been actively involved with IUCN Med, leading the development of ecotourism marketing guidelines as part of the DestiMED Plus project, which collaborates with nine Mediterranean regions to enhance the integration of regional tourism and conservation policies, promoting ecotourism in their protected areas. He is also currently developing Coastal Tourism and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Frameworks for Plan Bleu under the NaTour4CChange project.

In addition to his consulting roles, Dr. Mandić has enriched the academic and public spheres with numerous research articles published in indexed journals and book chapters. His engagement with public administration, especially in generating research impact, underscores his commitment to advancing sustainable tourism and environmental conservation initiatives. Dr Ante Mandić was recently involved as a researcher or team leader in several projects including:

- “PACT-VIRA” – Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Nature-Based Tourism: Development of Vulnerability and Resilience Indices for Protected Areas for Mitigation and Adaptation (Croatian Science Foundation).
- “COMMITMENT - Effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation measures for climate change impacts in tourism” (NextGenerationEU) project focused on structuring the links between three key variables (impact, hazard, and resilience) and analysing appropriate adaptation and mitigation measures planned or implemented at the destination level or among tourism entrepreneurs in the destination.
- “BLUTOURSYSTEM (Interreg) project,” focused on the establishment of Living Labs to support tourism strategic planning and monitoring of sustainability of tourism development, promoting ecotourism with growth decoupled from resource use in vibrant Italian (Veneto, Puglia) and Croatian (Central Dalmatia, Istria) tourism regions.
- “ShapeTourism (Interreg) project,” which focused on developing a methodology and monitoring system to shape and drive sustainable tourism in nature-based destinations across vibrant Mediterranean destinations from Italy, Spain, Croatia, Portugal, and Slovenia as pilots.
- “SmartCulTour (Horizon 2020) project” aimed at supporting regional development in all European regions rich in heritage, including those located in rural peripheries and the urban fringe, through a redefined approach toward heritage-based tourism development and monitoring of sustainability of tourism development on LAU level. The project involved the establishment of Living Labs as communities of practice in the Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Spain, Italy, and Croatia, with Dr Ante Mandić serving as a researcher and manager of the Living Lab in Split.

Dr Ante Mandić has also been invited to several international and national conferences in the area of sustainable tourism development, presenting as an esteemed speaker and participant. Finally, he holds the position of Associate Editor for the scientific journal "Journal of Ecotourism" (Taylor & Francis, Editor-In-Chief – Prof David Fennell), contributing to the advancement of ecotourism research.

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EDUCATION

- 15/07/2014-01/12/2017 **PhD Sustainable Tourism.** University of Split (UNIST)
- 05/10/2010-28/06/2012 **Master in Economics: Hospitality and Tourism Management.** University of Split (UNIST)
- 05/10/2007-15/09/2010 **Bachelor of Economics (Baccalaureus).** University of Split (UNIST)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Since 01/08/2024 *Expert Trainer for the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)*
- Since 01/02/2023 **Academy for Tourism** – Breda University of Applied Sciences. External examiner
- Since 01/06/2022 **Warner College of Natural Resources – Colorado State University, USA**. Affiliated Faculty at the Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department.
- Since 01/02/2018 **Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism - University of Split**. Assistant Professor of Sustainable Tourism at the Department of Tourism and Economy.
- Since 01/06/2015 **Wings Travel**—Destination management company and sustainable tourism consultancy. Owner. Hired by relevant national and international tourism-related organizations.

PUBLICATIONS

[Google Scholar](#) H-Index: 19; Citations: 1613 (August 2025)

Selected peer-reviewed journal articles

- **Mandić, A.**, & Rastegar, R. (2025). Revisiting tourism taxes: A justice-oriented approach to redistributing revenue. *Current Issues in Tourism*, 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13683500.2025.2542533>
This study proposes a justice-oriented framework for redistributing tourism tax revenues to enhance socio-ecological equity and community resilience.
- **Mandić, A.**, Beraldo Souza, T., Spenceley, A., Bricker, K., Eagles, P. F. J., Epler Wood, M., Green, R., Haggard, K., Hvenegaard, G., Lemieux, C. J., Leung, Y.-F., McCool, S. F., Muriithi, J. K., Ritchie, C., Rogers, P., Rushton, B., Sano, J., & Turner, D. (2025). *Strengthening sustainable tourism's role in biodiversity conservation and community resilience* (IUCN WCPA Issues Paper Series No. 07). <https://iucn.org/sites/default/files/2025-07/issues-paper-no.-7-strengthening-sustainable-tourisms-role-in-biodiversity-conservation-and-community-resilience.pdf>
This issues paper provides strategic guidance, recommended actions, and global case studies to align sustainable tourism with biodiversity conservation and community resilience goals.
- Sadiq, F., **Mandić, A.**, & Kumail, T. (2025). Tourism capital investment and climate dynamics: Insights from the Asia-Pacific region. *Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10941665.2025.2516589>
This study examines the relationship between tourism capital investment and climate dynamics across the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Mandić, A.**, Petrić, L., & Pivčević, S. (2025). Harmonizing sustainability and resilience in post-crisis cultural tourism: Stakeholder insights from the Split metropolitan area living lab. *Tourism Management Perspectives*, 55, 101331. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tmp.2024.101331>
This study explores how stakeholders in urban heritage living labs perceive and integrate sustainability and resilience in post-crisis cultural tourism development.
- **Mandić, A.**, Séraphin, H., & Vuković, M. (2024). *Engaging stakeholders in cultural tourism Living Labs: A pathway to innovation, sustainability, and resilience*. *Technology in Society*, 79, Article 102742. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techsoc.2024.102742>
This study explores how engaging stakeholders in cultural tourism Living Labs fosters innovation, sustainability, and resilience in tourism development.
- McCool, S. F., & **Mandic, A.** (2024). *A Social-Ecological Systems Perspective on Working toward Resilience in Nature-Based Tourism Planning*. *Tourism Planning & Development*, 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21568316.2024.2364622>
The study proposes a comprehensive resilience framework that includes three foundational elements: governance flexibility, a culture of learning, and financial support for resilience initiatives. Additionally, it outlines six actionable strategies to enhance resilience in NBT planning, such as acknowledging inherent turbulence, embracing systems thinking, and fostering adaptive pathways.
- Kumail, T., **Mandić, A.**, Li, H., & Sadiq, F. (2024). *Uncovering the interconnectedness of tourism growth, green technological advancements, and climate change in prominent Asian tourism destinations*. *Tourism Management Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tmp.2024.101284>
The study analyzes the interplay between tourism growth, green technology, and climate change in Asia, finding that tourism and technological advancement are positively linked with CO2 emissions, while renewable energy correlates negatively, and assesses the Claudia Curve hypothesis within this context, highlighting the critical role of innovative policies for sustainable tourism.

- Hussain, A., **Mandić**, A., & Fusté-Forné, F. (2024). *Transforming communities: Analyzing the effects of infrastructure and tourism development on social capital, livelihoods, and resilience in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan*. Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management, 59, 276-295. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhtm.2024.04.017>
This study explores the dynamic relationship between social capital, livelihoods, and tourism development in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, focusing on the indigenous social capital influenced by cultural perspectives.
- **Mandić**, A., Knight, D. W., Vuković, M., & Thomsen, B. (2024). *Place Attachment, Awareness of Environmental Responsibility and Pro-Environmental Behaviour of Visitors in Protected Natural Areas*. Tourism Planning & Development, 1–26. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21568316.2024.2353596>
This study examines how visitors' emotional connection to Biokovo Nature Park and their awareness of environmental responsibility influence their pro-environmental behaviors, highlighting the crucial role of responsibility awareness in promoting sustainable actions.
- Hussain, A., **Mandić**, A., & Fusté-Forné, F. (2024). *Transforming communities: Analyzing the effects of infrastructure and tourism development on social capital, livelihoods, and resilience in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan*. Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management, 59, 276-295. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhtm.2024.04.017>
This study investigates how infrastructure and tourism development impact social capital, livelihoods, and resilience in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, emphasizing the need for balanced and regulated growth to sustain community well-being and cultural integrity amidst rapid changes.
- **Mandić**, A., Pavlić, I., Puh, B., & Seraphin, H. (2023). *Children and overtourism: A cognitive neuroscience experiment to reflect on exposure and behavioural consequences*. Journal of Sustainable Tourism. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09669582.2023.2278023>
The study explores how children perceive tourism development in Dubrovnik, Croatia, using cognitive neuroscience to understand their responses to overtourism and sustainable tourism scenarios, revealing nuanced emotional reactions, gender and residence-based differences in place attachment and nature connectedness, and the complex relationship between emotions and environmental attitudes.
- **Mandić**, A., Walia, S., Rasoolimanesh, S.M., (2023). *Gen Z and the Flight Shame Movement: Examining the Intersection of Emotions, Biospheric Values, and Environmental Travel Behaviour in an Eastern Society*. Journal of Sustainable Tourism. 10.1080/09669582.2023.2254950
This study explores how environmental concerns, self-assets, and emotions like love for nature and flight shame impact Generation Z's travel behavior in India, emphasizing the importance of tailored sustainable tourism initiatives in emerging economies.
- **Mandić**, A., Walia, S., Kautish, P. (2023). *The antecedents of pro-environmental tourist behaviour of Gen Z: an eastern society perspective*. Anatolia. An International Journal of Tourism and Hospitality Research. Online First. DOI: 10.1080/13032917.2023.2224368
This study sheds light on the factors influencing pro-environmental behavior in Gen Z tourists, contributing valuable insights to sustainable tourism practices and understanding generational attitudes towards the environment.
- **Mandić**, A., & McCool, S.F. (2023). *Sustainable visitor experience design in nature-based tourism: an introduction to the Special Issue*, Journal of Ecotourism, 22:1, 1-3, DOI: 10.1080/14724049.2022.2124765
This introduction sets the foundation for the Special Issue, emphasizing the importance of sustainable visitor experiences in nature-based tourism and guiding future research in the field.
- **Mandić**, A., & McCool, S.F. (2023). *A critical review and assessment of the last 15 years of experience design research in a nature-based tourism context*, Journal of Ecotourism, 22:1, 208-235, DOI: 10.1080/14724049.2022.2099877
Through a comprehensive review, this article critically examines the past 15 years of experience design research in nature-based tourism, offering valuable insights for the development and enhancement of sustainable and immersive tourism experiences.
- **Mandić**, Ante. (2023). *Protected area management effectiveness and COVID-19: The case of Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia*. Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, 41, 100397. DOI: 10.1016/j.jort.2021.100397
Investigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on protected area management, this study provides a timely and relevant analysis, offering lessons for effective management during crisis situations.
- **Mandić**, A., & Kennell, J. (2021). *Smart governance for heritage tourism destinations: Contextual factors and destination management organisation perspectives*. Tourism Management Perspectives, 39, 10086. DOI: 10.1016/j.tmp.2021.100862

Examining smart governance in heritage tourism destinations, this research explores contextual factors and destination management perspectives, offering practical insights for sustainable and technologically integrated heritage tourism practices.

- **Mandić, Ante, & Vuković, M.** (2021). *Millennials attitudes, choices, and behaviour - integrative analysis*. Journal of Ecotourism, 0(0), 1–11. DOI: 10.1080/14724049.2021.1932925
Investigating millennials' attitudes and behavior towards ecotourism, this integrative analysis provides a comprehensive understanding of this important demographic's preferences, contributing to targeted ecotourism marketing and development.
- Spenceley, A., McCool, S., Newsome, D., Báez, A., James, R., Blye, C., Bricker, K., Cahyadi, H. S., Halpenny, E., Hvenegaard, G., King, D. M., Leung, Y. F., **Mandić, A.**, Naidoo, R., Rue, D., Sano, J., Sarhan, M., Santamaria, V., Sousa, T. B., Zschiegner, A. K. (2021). *TOURISM IN PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC*, 27, 103–118.
This collaborative study presents a comprehensive analysis of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism in protected and conserved areas, offering critical insights for conservation management and sustainable tourism practices during times of crisis.
- **Mandić, A.** (2020). *Structuring challenges of sustainable tourism development in protected natural areas with the driving force–pressure–state–impact–response (DPSIR) framework*. Environment Systems and Decisions, 40(4). DOI: 10.1007/s10669-020-09759-y
Applying the DPSIR framework to sustainable tourism development, this research addresses the challenges faced in protected natural areas, providing a valuable tool for decision-makers to enhance sustainability efforts.
- Pivčević, S., Petrić, L., & **Mandić, A.** (2020). *Sustainability of tourism development in the Mediterranean-Interregional similarities and differences*. Sustainability, 12(18). DOI: doi.org/10.3390/su12187641
Analyzing the sustainability of tourism development in Mediterranean regions, this study offers insights into interregional similarities and differences, contributing to sustainable tourism strategies in diverse geographical contexts.
- **Mandić, A.** (2019). *Nature-based solutions for sustainable tourism development in protected natural areas: a review*. Environment Systems and Decisions, 39, 249–268. DOI: 10.1007/s10669-019-09718-2
This review paper provides an extensive assessment of nature-based solutions for sustainable tourism development in protected natural areas, offering a valuable synthesis of best practices and innovative approaches.
- **Mandić, Ante, & Garbin Praničević, D.** (2019). *Progress on the role of ICTs in establishing destination appeal: Implications for smart tourism destination development*. Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology, 10(4), 791–813. DOI: 10.1108/JHTT-06-2018-0047
Examining the role of ICTs in destination appeal, this research highlights the significance of technology in smart tourism destination development, contributing to the understanding of digital transformation in the tourism industry.

Co-edited books

- **Mandić, A., Spenceley, A., Fennell, D.** (eds) (2024). *Handbook on Managing Nature Based Tourism Destinations Amid Climate Change*. Edward Elgar. Accepted for publishing.
Anticipated to be a significant addition to the literature, this forthcoming handbook addresses the critical issue of climate change's impact on nature-based tourism destinations. By consolidating expert perspectives, it is expected to offer valuable guidance for destination managers and stakeholders in adapting to the challenges posed by climate change while ensuring sustainable tourism development.
- Castano, R.A., Pivac, T., **Mandić, A.** (eds) (2024). *Legacy and Innovation: Integrating Cultural Heritage Conservation with Contemporary Tourism Management*. Advances in Science, Technology & Innovation. Springer, Cham. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031593246>
This book delves into the delicate balance of cultural heritage, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality within the tourism sector, advocating for the creation of tourism experiences that are culturally enriching, environmentally sustainable, and beneficial to local communities. It combines theoretical insights with practical strategies and real-world examples.
- **Mandić, A., Walia, S.K.** (eds) (2023). *The Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development*. Routledge, London. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003230748>
As a comprehensive handbook, this publication is a seminal resource for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers engaged in nature-based tourism development. Covering a wide range of topics, it provides an

authoritative overview of theoretical frameworks and best practices for promoting responsible and sustainable tourism in natural environments.

- **Mandić, A.** Castanho, R.A., Stankov, U. (eds) (2022). *Cultural Sustainable Tourism: Strategic Planning for a Sustainable Development*. Advances in Science, Technology & Innovation. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-10800-6_14

Book explores the symbiotic connection between tourism, cultural integrity, and heritage preservation, enhancing comprehension of how these elements interact to foster responsible travel practices. It delves into the current trends in tourism with an emphasis on ecotourism principles and regulations, proposing responsible tourism as a strategic approach to achieving sustainability and economic efficiency.

- **Mandić A.**, Petrić L. (eds) (2021). *Mediterranean Protected Areas in the Era of Overtourism*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-69193-6_2

This edited volume critically examines the challenges posed by overtourism in Mediterranean protected areas. With contributions from experts in the field, it offers valuable insights and practical solutions to promote sustainable tourism practices while safeguarding the ecological integrity of these sensitive regions.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- **Mandić, A.** (2025). Reimagining nature-based tourism: A critical reflection on inspiring regeneration and ecological restoration. In F. Fusté-Forné & A. Hussain (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of regenerative tourism* (1st ed., pp. 1–16). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003469810>

This chapter examines how regenerative tourism can reshape nature-based tourism by prioritizing ecological restoration, community resilience, and adaptive co-management, offering both theoretical insights and actionable strategies for sustainable destination futures.

- Kumar, S., Valeri, N., Shekhar, Sageena, G., **Mandić, A.** *Sustainable mountain tourism development in the foothills of the Himalaya*. in: Mandić, A., Walia, S.K. (eds) (2023). *The Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development*. Routledge, London. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003230748>

Focusing on sustainable mountain tourism development in the Himalayan foothills, this chapter enriches the Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development, offering insights to enhance sustainable practices in mountainous regions.

- Marković Vukadin, I., Zovko, M., **Mandić, A.** *Redefining sustainable tourism challenges and associated indicators in protected and conserved areas*. in: Mandić, A., Walia, S.K. (eds) (2023). *The Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development*. Routledge, London. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003230748>

This chapter redefines sustainable tourism challenges and indicators in protected and conserved areas, offering a valuable contribution to the Routledge Handbook of Nature Based Tourism Development and guiding future research in the field.

- **Mandić, A.** (2022). *Protected area tourism*. In: Buhalis, D. (ed) *Encyclopedia of Tourism Management and Marketing*. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800377486.protected.area.tourism>

Contributing to the field of tourism management and marketing, this encyclopedia entry explores protected area tourism, providing comprehensive insights into the intersection of conservation and tourism.

- Petrić L., **Mandić A.** (2021) *Governance and Management of Protected Natural Areas in the Era of Overtourism*. In: Mandić A., Petrić L. (eds) *Mediterranean Protected Areas in the Era of Overtourism*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-69193-6_2

This chapter examines the governance and management of protected natural areas in the face of overtourism, making a significant contribution to understanding the challenges and potential solutions for sustainable tourism practices in these regions.

- **Mandić, A.**, Marković Vukadin I. (2021). *Managing Overtourism in Nature-Based Destinations*. In: Mandić A., Petrić L. (eds) *Mediterranean Protected Areas in the Era of Overtourism*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-69193-6_3

Focusing on nature-based destinations, this chapter explores strategies to effectively manage overtourism, offering practical insights and solutions to balance tourism growth with environmental preservation.

- **Mandić, A.** (2021). *Optimization of tourism development in destinations: an approach used to alleviate the impacts of overtourism in the Mediterranean region*. In: Spenceley, A. (ed) *Handbook for Sustainable Tourism Practitioners: The Essential Toolbox*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

This chapter presents an essential approach for mitigating overtourism's impacts in the Mediterranean region, providing valuable guidance to sustainable tourism practitioners on optimizing destination development strategies.

RESEARCH PROJECTS (FUNDING)

- 2024-2028 Project: **Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Nature-Based Tourism: Development of Vulnerability and Resilience Indices for Protected Areas for Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies (PACT-VIRA)**, Croatian Science Foundation, Principal Investigator – Dr Izidora Marković Vukadin, Institut for Tourism, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2024-2028 Project: **COMMITMENT - Effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation measures for climate change impacts in tourism**, NextGenerationEU, Principal investigator – Dr Izidora Marković Vukadin, Institut for Tourism, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2020-2023 Project: **SmartCulTour**, Horizon 2020. Principal investigator - Prof Lidija Petrić, Department of Tourism and Economy, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, University of Split, Croatia.
- 2018-2019 Project: **BluTourSystem**, European Regional Development Fond: Interreg Italy-Croatia. Principal investigator - Prof Smiljana Pivčević, Department of Tourism and Economy, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, University of Split, Croatia.
- 2017-2018 Project: **ShapeTourism** - New shape and drives for the tourism sector: supporting the decision, integrating plans and ensuring sustainability, European Regional Development Fond: MED Programme. Principal investigator - Prof Lidija Petrić, Department of Tourism and Economy, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, University of Split, Croatia.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Best Paper Award at the TTRA (Travel and Tourism Research Association) Europe Chapter Conference in 2023, Dijon, France.
- Annual Social Science Research Award (2022) by the University of Split and the Ministry of Education and Science.
- Extraordinary Doctoral Prize of the academic year 2017/18 by the University of Split, in recognition of his outstanding research contributions.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS TO CONFERENCES

- 2025 - “*UfM Conference on Tourism Sector: Employment-related opportunities and challenges*”, Union for Mediterranean, European Commission, German Development Cooperation, Athens, Greece.
- 2025 - “*Unbalanced Rollercoaster: EU Tourism for a Smoother Ride*”, Together for EU Tourism (T4T) Expert Group dedicated task force (E03886), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2024 - *Climate Action Needs to Drive Destination Planning: Why Isn't it?*, Cornell University SC Johnson College of Business, Center for Hospitality Research & Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise, New York, SAD
- 2024 - *Developing Integrated Approaches for Sustainable Tourism Governance and Destination Management in Mediterranean MPAs*, MedPAN regional experience-sharing workshop “Managing Tourism in Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean”, La Londe les Maures, France
- 2023 - *Sustainable Nautical Tourism conference*, hosted by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Croatia and the European Commission (Croatian presidency of EUSAIR).
- 2023 - *Global Sustainable Tourism Conference GSTC2023*, Sustainable Tourism in the Balkan Region, hosted by Global Sustainable Tourism Council, Antalya, Turkey.
- 2022 - *Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism Conference*, hosted by IUCN Mediterranean, Rome, Italy.
- 2022 - *International conference on responsible tourism and hospitality (ICRTH)*, hosted by Responsible Borneo and Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Art Sarawak.
- 2022 - *International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development*, hosted by FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mountain Partnership United Nations, and Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2021 - *CLICTOUR – Climate change resilient tourism in protected areas of Northern Portugal*, hosted by the University of Minho, Centre for Research in Economics and Management (NIPE), Centre for Communication and Society Studies (CECS) and the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests (ICNF), Portugal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2025 **Introduction to tourism; Tourism policy** (5 compulsory credits) of Bachelor of Economics (Baccalaureus) Degree at UNIST

- 2018-2025 **Tourism planning and development** (6 compulsory credits) of Master in Economics: Hospitality and Tourism Management Degree at UNIST
- 2020-2025 **Marketing in tourism and hospitality** (5 compulsory credits) of Bachelor of Economics (applied) Degree at UNIST
- 2020-2025 **Master Thesis** (15 compulsory credits) of Master in Economics: Hospitality and Tourism Management Degree at UNIST.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

NVQ Level 8 Equivalent – PhD Mentorship

Ongoing

- *Fostering Community Empowerment Through Nature-Based Experiences: A Transformative Approach to Education and Sustainable Development* (Colorado State University, Warner College of Natura Resources)

NVQ Level 7 Equivalent – Master's Degrees (120 ECTS Credits)

Selected: Academic Year 2024/2025:

- *Mapping Key Stakeholders for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Dalmatian Hinterland*
- *Experience Attributes and Participant Satisfaction at the Ultra Trail Dinarides Race in Sinj*
- *Integrating Circular Economy Principles in Experience Design: A Survey of National Park Managers in Croatia*

Selected: Academic Year 2024/2025:

- *Psychological and Socio-Demographic Drivers of Pro-Environmental Behavior in Generation Z*
- *The Relationship Between Place Attachment and Pro-Environmental Behavior: A Case Study of Biokovo Nature Park*
- *The Link Between Environmental Responsibility Awareness and Pro-Environmental Behavior: A Case Study of Biokovo Nature Park*
- *Designing Interventions to Stimulate Environmentally Sustainable Behavior in Krka National Park*

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- **Editorial board member and Associate Editor:** *Journal of Ecotourism*, Editor-In-Chief – Prof David Fennell, Publisher: Taylor and Francis, since 2021; *Tourism Planning and Development*, Editor-In-Chief – Prof Sam Huang, Publisher: Taylor and Francis, since 2024.
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