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***The European Journal of Tourism Research is an interdisciplinary scientific journal in the field of tourism, published by Varna University of Management, Bulgaria. Its aim is to provide a platform for discussion of theoretical and empirical problems in tourism. Publications from all fields, connected with tourism such as management, marketing, sociology, psychology, geography, political sciences, mathematics, statistics, anthropology, culture, information technologies and others are invited. The journal is open to all researchers. Young researchers and authors from Central and Eastern Europe are encouraged to submit their contributions. Regular Articles in the European Journal of Tourism Research should normally be between 4 000 and 20 000 words. Major research articles of between 10 000 and 20 000 are highly welcome. Longer or shorter papers will also be considered. The journal publishes also Research Notes of 1 500 - 2 000 words. Submitted papers must combine theoretical concepts with practical applications or empirical testing. The European Journal of Tourism Research includes also the following sections: Book Reviews, announcements for Conferences and Seminars, abstracts of successfully defended Doctoral Dissertations in Tourism, case studies of Tourism Best Practices. The European Journal of Tourism Research is published in three Volumes per year. The full text of the European Journal of Tourism Research is available in the following databases: EBSCO Hospitality and Tourism CompleteCABI Leisure, Recreation and TourismProQuest Research Library Individual articles can be rented via journal's page at DeepDyve. The journal is indexed in Scopus and Thomson Reuters' Emerging Sources Citation Index. The editorial team welcomes your submissions to the European Journal of Tourism Research. This volume contains the proceedings of CloudCom 2009, the First International Conference on Cloud Computing. The conference was held in Beijing, China, during December 1-4, 2009, and was the***

***First in a series initiated by the Cloud Computing Association ([www.cloudcom.org](http://www.cloudcom.org)). The Cloud Computing Association was founded in 2009 by Chunming Rong, Martin Gilje Jaatun, and Frode Eika Sandnes. This first conference was organized by the Beijing Ji-tong University, Chinese Institute of Electronics, and Wuhan University, and co-organized by Huazhong University of Science and Technology, South China Normal University, and Sun Yat-sen University. Ever since the inception of the Internet, a "Cloud" has been used as a metaphor for a network-accessible infrastructure (e.g., data storage, computing hardware, or entire networks) which is hidden from users. To some, the concept of cloud computing may seem like a throwback to the days of big mainframe computers, but we believe that cloud computing makes data truly mobile, allowing a user to access services anywhere, anytime, with any Internet browser. In cloud computing, IT-related capabilities are provided as services, accessible without requiring control of, or even knowledge of, the underlying technology. Cloud computing provides dynamic scalability of services and computing power, and although many mature technologies are used as components in cloud computing, there are still many unresolved and open problems. The tourism and hospitality industry of Bangladesh as a South Asian country has potential. Sustainable development of this industry in this country is on the move. Still, there are some hindrances which appear to be stymieing this industry's overall development potential. Overcoming such hindrances can be partly enabled by applying digital innovation and introducing more Internet based platforms in the country's tourism and hospitality industry. The country is believed to have emphasized innovative technology application in this industry, but technology applications in this industry in Bangladesh have so far attracted very few researchers, resulting in insufficient contributions and very limited knowledge. This book,***

**therefore, can make a significant contribution towards the very limited knowledge in this identified research area. On the specific ground of technology application in the tourism and hospitality industry, the book covers concepts and context, the present scenario, product and service offers, and an analysis of the roles of public and private institutions. On related issues, the book also covers social media, networking and connectivity; sustainability practices and climate change effects; tourist experiences; developments; and challenges, suggestions, and future research directions. The book is expected to appeal to general readers, as well as researchers with an interest in technology applications in the tourism and hospitality industry. This book is also an essential read for the relevant policy planners and industry professionals. This open access book provides an extensive overview of the usage of information and communication technologies in the tourism and hospitality industry. It presents the proceedings of the International Federation for IT and Travel & Tourism (IFITT)'s 30th Annual International eTourism Conference, which assembles the latest research presented at the ENTER2023 conference. The enclosed papers cover various topics within the field, including augmented and virtual reality, website development, social media use, e-learning, big data, analytics and recommendation systems. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of five workshops and an industrial session held at the 20th International Conference on Image Analysis and Processing, ICIAP 2019, in Trento, Italy, in September 2019: Second International Workshop on Recent Advances in Digital Security: Biometrics and Forensics (BioFor 2019); First International Workshop on Pattern Recognition for Cultural Heritage (PatReCH 2019); First International Workshop eHealth in the Big Data and Deep Learning Era (e-BADLE 2019); International Workshop on Deep Understanding Shopper Behaviors and Interactions in Intelligent Retail Environments**

**(DEEPRETAIL 2019); Industrial Session. Tourism has often been described as being about 'selling dreams', tourist experiences being conceptualized as purely a marketing confection, a socially constructed need. However, the reality is that travel for leisure, business, meetings, sports or visiting loved ones has grown to be a very real sector of the global economy, requiring sophisticated business and marketing practices. The Routledge Handbook of Tourism Marketing explores and critically evaluates the current debates and controversies inherent to the theoretical, methodological and practical processes of marketing within this complex and multi-sector industry. It brings together leading specialists from range of disciplinary backgrounds and geographical regions to provide reflection and empirical research on this complex relationship. The Handbook is divided in to nine inter-related sections: Part 1 deals with shifts in the context of marketing practice and our understanding of what constitutes value for tourists; Part 2 explores macromarketing and tourism; Part 3 deals with strategic issues; Part 4 addresses recent advances in research; Part 5 focuses on developments in tourist consumer behaviour; Part 6 looks at micromarketing; Part 7 moves on to destination marketing and branding issues; Part 8 looks at the influence of technological change on tourism marketing; and Part 9 explores future directions. This timely book offers the reader a comprehensive synthesis of this sub-discipline, conveying the latest thinking and research. It will provide an invaluable resource for all those with an interest in tourism and marketing, encouraging dialogue across disciplinary boundaries and areas of study. This is essential reading for Tourism students, researchers and academics as well as those of Marketing, Business, Events Management and Hospitality Management. This open access book presents the proceedings of the International Federation for IT and Travel & Tourism (IFITT)'s 29th Annual International**

***eTourism Conference, which assembles the latest research presented at the ENTER2022 conference, which will be held on January 11-14, 2022. The book provides an extensive overview of how information and communication technologies can be used to develop tourism and hospitality. It covers the latest research on various topics within the field, including augmented and virtual reality, website development, social media use, e-learning, big data, analytics, and recommendation systems. The readers will gain insights and ideas on how information and communication technologies can be used in tourism and hospitality. Academics working in the eTourism field, as well as students and practitioners, will find up-to-date information on the status of research. The papers presented in this volume advance the state-of-the-art research on digital marketing and social media, mobile computing and responsive web design, semantic technologies and recommender systems, augmented and virtual reality, electronic distribution and online travel reviews, MOOC and eLearning, eGovernment and sharing economy. This book covers the most significant areas contributed by prominent scholars from around the world and is suitable for both academics and practitioners who are interested in the latest developments in eTourism. "This edition fosters multidisciplinary discussion and research on the adoption of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the contexts of culture and tourism, investigating how emerging technologies and new managerial models and strategies can promote sustainable development for culture and tourism"--Provided by publisher. Recommender systems provide users (businesses or individuals) with personalized online recommendations of products or information, to address the problem of information overload and improve personalized services. Recent successful applications of recommender systems are providing solutions to transform online services for e-government, e-business, e-***



**commerce, e-shopping, e-library, e-learning, e-tourism, and more. This unique compendium not only describes theoretical research but also reports on new application developments, prototypes, and real-world case studies of recommender systems. The comprehensive volume provides readers with a timely snapshot of how new recommendation methods and algorithms can overcome challenging issues. Furthermore, the monograph systematically presents three dimensions of recommender systems – basic recommender system concepts, advanced recommender system methods, and real-world recommender system applications. By providing state-of-the-art knowledge, this excellent reference text will immensely benefit researchers, managers, and professionals in business, government, and education to understand the concepts, methods, algorithms and application developments in recommender systems. Since its inception, the Internet provided unprecedented opportunities for businesses to leverage their marketing and business potential. The Internet facilitated global representation, travel distribution and marketing of tourism. This study aimed at developing a thesis surrounding the issues that influence the adoption of online travel distribution technology by identifying and evaluating the challenges that face the adoption of E-Tourism in Kenya. It also sought to find out whether there were significant associations between the challenges and Internet preference. The study further investigated the nature of travel distribution systems in use in the travel companies. The Data were collected using a Questionnaire and a structured Interview schedule. Quantitative data were analyzed using: descriptive statistics and inferential statistics, which were calculated using the F-test, Correlation, Principal component analysis and Multinomial logistic modeling techniques. Qualitative data analysis, were done by organizing and analyzing the content according to major themes and objectives of the study.**

***With the exponential rise in leisure mobility, tourism has increasingly become of great economic significance. Cultural heritage, such as museums, churches, historical landscapes, urban parks, and exhibitions attract many visitors and countries, regions and cities which house such historic-cultural amenities have seen increasingly large waves of tourists. While an avalanche of tourists has a positive impact on the local economy, such modern mass tourism also brings about negative externalities such as congestion, decline in quality of life, low access to cultural amenities and loss of local identity; to the extent that the sustainability conditions of a locality might be endangered. This tourism dilemma is particularly pronounced in cities with a rich cultural past, such as Venice, Naples and Amsterdam. Bringing together an interdisciplinary team of leading scholars from North America and Europe, this book examines the interface of local cultural resources and modern mass tourism from a sustainability perspective. It puts forward innovative methodologies and best case practice for future cultural conservation policies. The Social Sciences Empowered contains papers presented at the 7th International Congress on Interdisciplinary Behavior and Social Science 2018 (ICIBSoS 2018), held 21-22 July 2018, Bangkok, Thailand, 22-23 September 2018, Bali, Indonesia, 6-7 October 2018, Kuta, Bali, Indonesia, and 24-25 November 2018, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. ICIBSoS 2018 provided the economic and social analysis necessary for addressing issues in Humanities disciplines such as Education, Sociology, Anthropology, Politics, History, Philosophy, Psychology as well as food security. Contributions to these proceedings give necessary insight into the cultural and human dimension of such diverse research areas as transport, climate change, energy and agriculture. ICIBSoS 2018 also analyses the cultural, behavioural, psychological, social and institutional drivers that transform people's behaviour and the global environment.***

***ICIBSoS 2018 proposes new ideas, strategies and governance structures for overcoming the crisis from a global perspective, innovating the public sector and business models, promoting social innovation and fostering creativity in the development of services and product design. "This publication presents a series of practical applications of different Soft Computing techniques to real-world problems, showing the enormous potential of these techniques in solving problems"--Provided by publisher. The Internet needs no introduction, and its significance today can hardly be exaggerated. Today, more people are more connected technologically to one another than at any other time in human existence. For a large share of the world's people, the Internet, text messaging, and various other forms of digital social media such as Facebook have become thoroughly woven into the routines and rhythms of daily life. The Internet has transformed how we seek information, communicate, entertain ourselves, find partners, and, increasingly, it shapes our notions of identity and community. The SAGE Encyclopedia of the Internet addresses the many related topics pertaining to cyberspace, email, the World Wide Web, and social media. Entries will range from popular topics such as Alibaba and YouTube to important current controversies such as Net neutrality and cyberterrorism. The goal of the encyclopedia is to provide the most comprehensive collection of authoritative entries on the Internet available, written in a style accessible to academic and non-academic audiences alike. Exploring the impact of the rise of digital media over the last few decades, this timely Handbook highlights the major role it plays in preserving and protecting heritage as well as its ability to promote and support sustainable tourism at heritage sites. Particularly relevant at this time due to the diffusion of smartphones and use of social media, chapters look at the experience and expectation of being 'always on', and how***

***this interacts with heritage and tourism. Taking a global and multidisciplinary approach, The SAGE International Encyclopedia of Travel and Tourism examines the world travel and tourism industry, which is expected to grow at an annual rate of four percent for the next decade. The Emerald Handbook of ICT in Tourism and Hospitality incorporates key research findings, in-depth case studies and discussion of the future implications stemming from technologies changes and developments across a number of core themes. Over generations, human society has woven a rich tapestry of culture, art, architecture, and history, personified in artifacts, monuments, and landmarks arrayed across the globe. Individual communities are looking to exploit these local treasures for the benefit of the travelers who come to see them. Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications considers the effect of cultural heritage and destinations of interest on the global economy from the viewpoints of both visitor and host. This broadly-focused, multi-volume reference will provide unique insights for travelers, business leaders, sightseers, cultural preservationists, and others interested in the unique variety of human ingenuity and innovation around the world. It is an unconditional reality that the tourism industry in Asia is becoming exposed to innovative technologies more than ever before. This book reports the latest research in the application of innovative technology to the tourism industry, covering the perspectives, innovativeness, theories, issues, complexities, opportunities and challenges affecting tourism in Asia. A blend of comprehensive and extensive efforts by the contributors and editors, it is designed especially to cover technology applications in tourism fairs, festivals and events in Asia. The application and practice of technologies in tourism, including the relevant niches of fairs, festivals and events are also covered, with a focus on the importance of technology in tourism. This book***

**highlights, in a comprehensive manner, technologies that are impacting the tourism industry in Asia, as well as the constraints it is facing. It deals with distinct topics, such as tourism promotion, technology-driven sustainable tourism development, social media, accessibility and so on to cover fairs, festivals and events. This book is a significant contribution towards the very limited knowledge in this identified research area, with examples from selected Asian countries. This book is designed to accommodate both qualitative and quantitative research linking theory and practice. This book has a clear focus on outlining the research issues. Each chapter of the book highlights a methodology that was used, with rationale for its use. This book addresses a number of revisions that unify the theme or framework to integrate the chapters. Here is an insightful look into the great changes in the hospitality and tourism industry in China in recent years. The steady growth of the GDP in China, the increasing middle-income population, lifestyle changes of the Chinese people, and fast infrastructure development (speed trains, airports, highways, and seaports, linking many mega cities, mid-level cities, and townships) have all had a significant effect on the Chinese hospitality industry, which is booming in China. With much more money in their pockets, the Chinese are spending more than 60% of their disposable income on food and travel. International food and hotel chains have responded by increasing their presence in China, and in turn, new domestic restaurant and hotel chains have sprung up to compete for the business. With chapters by scholars from various universities in China and the United States, these issues and more are covered in this new volume. Readers will gain a true understanding of the current development of Chinese hospitality and tourism industry. This handbook provides an authoritative and truly comprehensive overview both of the diverse applications of information and communication technologies (ICTs) within the travel**

**and tourism industry and of e-tourism as a field of scientific inquiry that has grown and matured beyond recognition. Leading experts from around the world describe cutting-edge ideas and developments, present key concepts and theories, and discuss the full range of research methods. The coverage accordingly encompasses everything from big data and analytics to psychology, user behavior, online marketing, supply chain and operations management, smart business networks, policy and regulatory issues - and much, much more. The goal is to provide an outstanding reference that summarizes and synthesizes current knowledge and establishes the theoretical and methodological foundations for further study of the role of ICTs in travel and tourism. The handbook will meet the needs of researchers and students in various disciplines as well as industry professionals. As with all volumes in Springer's Major Reference Works program, readers will benefit from access to a continually updated online version. The first edition of a biennial publication which analyses best practice in OECD and selected non member economies. It surveys a number of initiatives taken by governments and businesses in the tourism field, and provides a statistical profile of tourism in reporting countries. The acquisition and management of information is central to the operation and marketing of many service-providing firms and other organizations. Their varied knowledge requirements influence approaches to organizational structure, relationships to other organizations, the location of operations, and entry into new markets. In this book, an international and interdisciplinary team of leading scholars examines the attributes of knowledge acquisition and diffusion within and across service-providing organizations. Using a variety of case examples, they pay particular attention to the processes of internationalization and the ways in which service-providing organizations affect regional economic development. Will robots take over serving us in hotels?**

***Will flight shaming prevent us travelling in the future? How has the rise of social media impacted upon tourism marketing? - and what has been the impact of airbnb on tourism cities? For answers to these and many other contemporary tourism questions, simply turn to the third edition of Essentials of Tourism by Chris Cooper. From artificial intelligence, robotics and digital marketing to assessing the impact of events, every tourism student will find this book essential reading for not only grasping the key issues but applying them to real problems faced by professionals in the tourism industry. The book includes many new case studies from every continent around the world including cases to give you a truly global approach to how tourism theory can be applied in an international context. This is combined with a lively and accessible writing style which will support and guide you through how tourism has been affected and will continue to be shaped by technology, changing government policy and sustainability concerns. Key features of the new edition: 'Focus on Technology' and 'Focus on Employment' boxes included in every chapter. Three current case studies included in each chapter to bring context to the reader. Classic papers - introduces students to relevant academic research and refers to the selected paper throughout the chapter. "E-governance affects every citizen. New information and communication technologies (ICTs) have made public services easier to access and information easier to obtain; fines and taxes can be processed more rapidly and votes can be counted faster. Channeling the potential of ICTs in the public sector has affected how states, and governments at all levels, do business. It will inevitably shape how they will continue to change in the future. This book has grown out of an executive training program, leading to an Executive Master's degree in e-governance, from Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). Participants in this Master's program came from all over the world; from***

**government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations. They were all interested in electronic governance and motivated by the desire to learn from the numerous and varied e-governance experiences worldwide. The 12 chapters have been written by 10 participants, one manager and one professor involved in the program. The book is divided into four sections: e-governance visions; local e-governance; transversal e-governance issues and the future of e-governance. E-governance has already led to many significant changes in the way society operates, and this book provides some insight into how this has been achieved, as well as taking a look at the further developments which may happen in the future."--Publisher's website. Responding to the dual pressures of globalization and economic downturn, communities across the world formerly driven by agriculture and industry are increasingly turning toward tourism as an economic mainstay. In order for industry leaders to compete with the efforts of competitors and savvy marketers, new business models must be defined which allow for the incorporation of e-tourism tools and expansion into the global marketplace. *New Business Opportunities in the Growing E-Tourism Industry* offers case studies and research that highlights the impact of globalization on travel and tourism and offers solutions to potential problems. Targeting an audience of researchers and business professionals, this volume brings together a diverse international body of scholars and researchers to provide a holistic perspective of future developments in the e-tourism industry. This volume compiles the research and perspectives of researchers and industry professionals, uniting a variety of topics including medical tourism, traffic-management, route-planning, virtual museums, digital spot-hunting via film-mosaic, and tourism for the elderly and disabled. The papers presented in this volume advance the state-of-the-art research on big data and analytics, social media, electronic marketing,**



**mobile computing and recommender systems, mobile sensors and geosocial services, augmented reality, wearable computing, smart tourism, electronic distribution for tourism and hospitality products and services, e-learning, responsive web design and management, and eTourism for development. This book covers the most significant areas contributed by prominent scholars from around the world and is suitable for both academics and practitioners who are interested in the latest developments in e-Tourism. This book addresses the digitization of all processes and value chains in the tourism, travel, hospitality and catering industries. By exploring the new technological trends it provides a solid basis for analysing the impacts of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) revolution on the tourism industry. The book adopts a strategic management and marketing perspective for tourism enterprises and destinations. It suggests that ETourism revolutionizes all business processes, the entire value chain as well as the strategic relationships of tourism organizations with all their stakeholders. It additionally focuses on how ICTs are employed in airlines, hotels, travel agencies, tour operators and destinations management organizations. The book demonstrates that tourism ICTs increasingly determine the competitiveness of the organization, and therefore, they are critical for the competitiveness of the industry in the longer term. The book is aimed at advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students in business, tourism and hospitality programmes that need to explore how they can use ICTs in a strategic context. It is also anticipated that researchers and practitioners will find it useful and stimulating. Features and benefits: Strategic perspective demonstrates the contribution of ICTs to the competitiveness of tourism organizations and destinations A wealth of international examples ensure global application and relevance Extensive use of case studies and illustrative examples demonstrate the link between**

***theory and real world tourism situations Discussion topics encourage students to analyse further the information covered Extensive bibliography and further reading encourage more advanced study Associated website featuring up-to-date FT articles and power point slides create a comprehensive teaching and learning package. Dr Dimitrios Buhalis is Course Leader of the MSc in eTourism and Director of the Centre for eTourism Research (CeTR) at the University of Surrey. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Institut de Management Hotelier International (Cornell University - ESSEC Business School) in Paris. He serves as Vice President of the International Federation of Information Technology and Tourism (IFITT) and has chaired several ENTER conferences. He regularly works as adviser for the World Tourism Organisation, the World Tourism and Travel Council and the European Commission. This book discusses applied life cycle and supply chain management approaches for the sustainable development of tourism in Asian countries. The book describes the current state of the tourism industry in Asia from a perspective of sustainability, and analyzes the trade-offs between the three pillars of sustainability (environment, society, economy) as they pertain to the implementation of sustainable tourism. In 5 chapters, this book offers guidance for students, researchers and corporations interested in applying sustainability in tourism related activities. Chapter 1 introduces readers to the life cycle and supply chain approaches to driving sustainable development in tourism, and discusses the need for these strategies in the face of current issues with the tourism industry in Asia. Chapter 2 provides more details on the role of life cycle approaches in the sustainable development of tourism, including proper practices and implications. Chapter 3 presents how knowledge and best practices among stakeholders in the tourism sector can be shared. Chapter 4 discusses how promoting sustainable tourism can improve tourists' experience, and chapter 5***

***concludes the book by addressing how life cycle and supply chain approaches can be used together for tourism enterprises. The Routledge Handbook of Tourism Cities presents an up-to-date, critical and comprehensive overview of established and emerging themes in urban tourism and tourist cities. Offering socio-cultural perspectives and multidisciplinary insights from leading scholars, the book explores contemporary issues, challenges and trends. Organised into four parts, the handbook begins with an introductory section that explores contemporary issues, challenges and trends that tourism cities face today. A range of topics are explored, including sustainable urban tourism, overtourism and urbanisation, the impact of terrorism, visitor-host interactions, as well as reflections on present and future challenges for tourism cities. In Part II the marketing, branding and markets for tourism cities are considered, exploring topics such as destination marketing and branding, business travellers and exhibition hosting. This section combines academic scholarship with real-life practice and case studies from cities. Part III discusses product and technology developments for tourism cities, examining their supply and impact on different travellers, from open-air markets to creative waterfronts, from social media to smart cities. The final Part offers examples of how urban tourism is developing in different parts of the world and how worldwide tourism cities are adapting to the challenges ahead. It also explores emerging forms of specialist tourism, including geology and ecology-based tourism, socialist heritage and post-communist destination tourism. This handbook fills a notable gap by offering a critical and detailed understanding of the diverse elements of the tourist experience today. It contains useful suggestions for practitioners, as well as examples for theoretical frameworks to students in the fields of urban tourism and tourism cities. The handbook will be of interest to scholars and students working in urban***

***tourism, heritage studies, human geography, urban studies and urban planning, sociology, psychology and business studies. This book presents state-of-the-art research into the application of information and communication technologies to travel and tourism. The range of topics covered is broad, encompassing digital marketing and social media, mobile computing and web design, semantic technologies and recommender systems, augmented and virtual reality, electronic distribution and online travel reviews, MOOC and eLearning, eGovernment, and the sharing economy. There is a particular focus on the development of digital strategies, the impact of big data, and the digital economy. In addition to the description of research advances and innovative ideas, readers will find a number of informative industrial case studies. The contents of the book are based on the 2017 ENTER eTourism conference, held in Rome. The volume will be of interest to all academics and practitioners who wish to keep abreast of the latest developments in eTourism. This book presents insights into the governance challenge associated with the management of the lockdown measures in relation to the welfare of citizens in selected African states. The intention of the project is to present a critical analysis of the effectiveness and the consequences of the measures adopted by the government of these African countries to contain further spread of the virus, within the context of existing governance challenges in the management of the public sector. This will expose the contradictions in the implementation of public policy and the actualization of its intendment for the promotion of good governance and the welfare of citizens. The benefit thereof is the feasibility of arousing further intellectual engagements on the need for effective management of public sector with strong infrastructural support for the good of all in Africa. The International Student Conference in Tourism Research (ISCONTOUR) offers students a unique platform to present their research and establish a mutual***

**knowledge transfer forum for attendees from academia, industry, government and other organisations. The annual conference, which is jointly organized by the IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems and the Management Center Innsbruck, takes place alternatively at the locations Krems and Innsbruck. The conference research chairs are Prof. (FH) Mag. Christian Maurer (University of Applied Sciences Krems) and Prof. (FH) Mag. Hubert Siller (Management Center Innsbruck). The target audience include international bachelor, master and PhD students, graduates, lecturers and professors from the field of tourism and leisure management as well as businesses and anyone interested in cutting-edge research of the conference topic areas. The proceedings of the 10th International Student Conference in Tourism Research include a wide variety of research topics, ranging from consumer behaviour, tourist experience, information and communication technologies, marketing, destination management, and sustainable tourism management. The massive growth of the Internet has made an enormous amount of information available to us. However, it is becoming very difficult for users to acquire an applicable one. Therefore, some techniques such as information filtering have been introduced to address this issue. Recommender systems filter information that is useful to a user from a large amount of information. Many e-commerce sites use recommender systems to filter specific information that users want out of an overload of information [2]. For example, Amazon.com is a good example of the success of recommender systems [1]. Over the past several years, a considerable amount of research has been conducted on recommendation systems. In general, the usefulness of the recommendation is measured based on its accuracy [3]. Although a high recommendation accuracy can indicate a user's favorite items, there is a fault in that only similar items will be recommended. Several studies have reported that users**

**might not be satisfied with a recommendation even though it exhibits high recommendation accuracy [4]. For this reason, we consider that a recommendation having only accuracy is - satisfactory. The serendipity of a recommendation is an important element when considering a user's long-term profits. A recommendation that brings serendipity to users would solve the problem of "user weariness" and would lead to exploitation of users' tastes. The viewpoint of the diversity of the recommendation as well as its accuracy should be required for future recommender systems. Following from the very successful First KES Symposium on Agent and Multi-Agent Systems - Technologies and Applications (KES-AMSTA 2007), held in Wroclaw, Poland, 31 May-1 June 2007, the second event in the KES-AMSTA symposium series (KES-AMSTA 2008) was held in Incheon, Korea, March 26-28, 2008. The symposium was organized by the School of Computer and Information Engineering, Inha University, KES International and the KES Focus Group on Agent and Multi-agent Systems. The KES-AMSTA Symposium Series is a sub-series of the KES Conference Series. The aim of the symposium was to provide an international forum for scientific research into the technologies and applications of agent and multi-agent systems. Agent and multi-agent systems are related to the modern software which has long been recognized as a promising technology for constructing autonomous, complex and intelligent systems. A key development in the field of agent and multi-agent systems has been the specification of agent communication languages and formalization of ontologies. Agent communication languages are intended to provide standard declarative mechanisms for agents to communicate knowledge and make requests of each other, whereas ontologies are intended for conceptualization of the knowledge domain. The symposium attracted a very large number of scientists and practitioners who submitted their papers for nine main tracks concerning the methodology and applications**

***of agent and multi-agent systems, a doctoral track and two special sessions. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th ERCIM Workshop on User Interfaces for All, focusing on Universal Access in Ambient Intelligence Environments, held in Königswinter, Germany in September 2006. It covers interaction platforms and techniques for ambient intelligence, user and context awareness, inclusive design and evaluation, as well as access to information, education and entertainment.***

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