Call for papers from the *Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research*  
“Nature-based Solutions in Hospitality and Tourism Management”

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**Aim of the special issue**  
Sustainable management is an established concept within the fields of environmental hospitality and tourism management. However, there is no unanimous agreement on how the functional aspects of sustainable management can solve societal and ecological challenges. This failure is the result of several shortcomings. Nature-based Solutions (NBSs) offer “solutions to societal challenges that are inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective, provide simultaneous environmental, social and economic benefits, and help build resilience. Such solutions bring more, and more diverse, nature and natural features and processes into cities, landscapes and seascapes, through locally adapted, resource-efficient and systemic interventions” (Raymond et al., 2017, p.3). There is evidence of the successful implementation of some nature-based engineered solutions in urban planning and environmental management across Europe. NBSs are efficient, cost-effective, adaptable, multi-purpose and long-lasting. They can contribute to the sustainable development of the wider economy by providing socio-economic benefits, jobs, and low-carbon technology innovations (Liquete et al., 2016). NBSs are in line with principles of Ecological Modernisation Theory (EMT) (Mol et al., 2013).

**The theme and related issues**  
Tourism and hospitality industry should recognise the transformative potential of NBSs in stimulating sustainable management practices (Olya and Alipour, 2015). In this vein, this special issue seeks to identify how NBSs can tackle the many challenges affecting the tourism and hospitality industry. While not limited to the following topics, we encourage scholars to focus on:

- Conceptualizations of NBSs in tourism and hospitality;
- Theoretical studies advancing new theories (e.g., EMT) or models of NBSs in tourism and hospitality;
- NBSs creating more liveable and smart urban places and a transition towards healthier cities and city regions;
- NBSs and their relationship with the design and management of new ecosystems in tourism and hospitality industry;
- Integration of NBSs for disaster management and related risk management issues in the tourism and hospitality industry;
- Tackling contemporary global challenges influencing tourism and hospitality using cost-effective NBSs;
- Stakeholder engagement and innovation management in the planning and implementation of NBS projects.
- Applications of knowledge based management using advanced tools (e.g., GIS) in addressing the challenges of tourism and hospitality.

The special issue editors encourage a range of methodological approaches, including but not limited to: textual analysis; GIS; surveys and interviews; mixed approaches; historical or geographical analyses; and case study.

**Submission timeline**  
Manuscript submission deadline: 30th September 2018 (earlier submission is encouraged);  
First comments (initial acceptance/rejection) on manuscripts: 1st Dec 2018  
Revision due: 30th June 2019.