TTRA Asia Pacific Annual Conference 2025

Pre-conference activities

6th December, 2025 (Saturday)

Time	Activity	Remarks	Mode
13:00 -16:00	Registration	Networking opportunity for early arrivals	In-person
14:00-16:00	Pre-conference workshops	- Emerging Scholars Exchange Workshop on "Ethical use of AI for research" & "Editors Meet: Supporting early career researchers" (Resource persons-TBD)	In-person

Conference

Day 1: 7th December, 2025 (Sunday)

Time	Activity	Remarks	Mode
08:30 – 09:30	Registration and Tea & Coffee	Networking opportunity	In-person
09:30 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony	Welcome remarks by 1) Prof Dr. Achyut Prasad Wagle, VC, KU 2) Dr. Aaron Tham,President, TTRA APAC 3) Prof Dr. Bijay K.C., Dean KUSOM, Chair-Local organizing Committee	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom - https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585

10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Speeches (1 & 2)	Prof Xiang(Robert) Li) https://www.bschool.cuhk.edu.hk/staff/li-robert/ (In-person) Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung linkedin.com/in/ghana-s-gurung-64b41813	
11:00-11:15	Tea & Coffee Break	Networking opportunity	In-person
11:15 - 13:30	Parallel Paper Presentation Session 1 followed by Session Chair's Summary Delegate Discussion Groups Moderated Panel Discussion	Track A: Theme 1 - Understanding of regenerative tourism in the Asia Pacific region Track B: Theme 2 - Changing tourist behaviors Track C: Theme 3-Technology & Innovation in the tourism industry	In-person
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break	Networking opportunity	
14:30 - 16:45	Parallel Paper Presentation Session 2 followed by Session Chair's Summary Delegate Discussion Groups Moderated Panel Discussion	Track A: Theme 3 -Regenerative and sustainable tourism development Track B: Conceptualizing and operationalizing meaningful tourism experiences Tract C: Theme 4 -Preserving cultural heritage through tourism within Asia	In-person
16:45-17:00	Tea & Coffee Break	Networking opportunity	In-person
17:00-17:30	Summary of different sessions by session chair	Key insights, emerging themes, and preview of their respective sessions	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom -

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18:00 - 20:30	Welcome reception	Welcome remarks by dignitaries Nepal tourism promotion videos Networking session	In-person

Day 2: 8th December, 2025 (Monday)

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08:30 – 09:30	Registration and Tea & Coffee	Networking opportunity	In-Person
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome & Day 2 Overview	Brief summary of day 1 outcomes Key insights, emerging themes, and preview of the day	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom - https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585
09:45 - 10:45	Distinguished Speakers/Keynote Speeches (3 & 4)	Translating regenerative theory to practice in tourism ecosystem: opportunities & challenges in Asia Pacific (tentative) Dr. Hera Oktadiana, Griffith University https://hasimforum.com/founders (online-TBD) Speaker from Nepal (TBD) Lisa Choegyal https://lisachoegyal.com/	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom - https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585
10:45 - 11:45	AGM of TTRA APAC	https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom
11:45-12:45	Poster Presentation Session/Workshop		In-person

12:45 - 13:45	Lunch	Networking opportunity	
13:45 - 14:45	Virtual Presentation Session	Participants can join virtual presentation session at: https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585	On Zoom
14:45- 15:15	Keynote Speech	Fostering Gender Equality for Climate Resilience and Regeneration" Prof Stroma Cole https://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/our-people/directory/cole-stroma	Hybrid
15:15- 15:45	Legacy Projects Hour	Showcasing sustainable/regenerative tourism initiatives in Nepal	Hybrid
15:45- 16:45	Panel Discussion	Bridging research-policy-practice: Evolving sustainable and regenerative tourism practices in Asia Pacific (tentative)	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom - https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585
16:45 - 17:30	Summary of the day	Synthesis of key insights, action points, and future research directions	Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom - https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/9345879585
18:00 - 20:00	Closing Ceremony followed by GALA Dinner	Summary Address & Ways Forward (Industry and academic perspectives on conference sessions and ways forward) Awards & Certificate Distribution (Recognition of contributions and participation) Announcement of TTRA APAC host for 2026 Musical performances (TBD)	

		Closing remarks	

Note: Poster presentations available throughout the day for viewing

Day 3 (TBD): Immersive regenerative tourism experiences of Nepal (optional with extra charges or sponsored)

Heritage regeneration project Tour: Patan/Kathmandu/Bhaktapur/Kirtipur…	Authentic Culinary tour
Nature-community regeneration observation hiking	Others…
Visit to UNESCO world heritage sites within Kathmandu Valley	

Additional Notes:

- **Delegate Discussion Groups**: These 15-minute sessions will be facilitated by designated theme champions and allow participants to reflect on presentations, share insights, and develop applications for their own contexts.
- **Conference Moderator's Summary**: The conference moderator will synthesize key themes, highlight innovative concepts, and identify emerging research directions at the end of each day.
- **Poster Presentations**: Posters will be displayed throughout the conference with a dedicated spotlight session on day 1.
- Travel packages are available for participants who want to explore Nepal beyond the conference.

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