**Title:** Cross-Disciplinary Approaches for Critical Futures in Events and Tourism

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## **Abstract:**

This session focuses on critical approaches to understanding and researching within events and tourism frameworks. It involves a conversation amongst a panel of critical scholars in order to bring relevant topics alive for open discussion. Through sharing cross-disciplinary experiences in developing conceptual and empirical work, best practices, lessons learned, and future directions can be charted.

Similar to the trajectory of tourism, more and more cities and countries around the globe are employing planned events to address socio-economic issues. Critical events research has been a developing field for over two decades, and many scholars have focused political, social, and economic studies by framing them around international planned events and their impacts on cities and countries worldwide. This session seeks to build upon this in order to develop further critical discourses and dialogues pertaining to the impacts of events on diverse communities and places by exploring connections and convergences with critical tourism studies.