

## **Special Session Proposal**

## Towards local development through a sustainable valorization of cultural heritage: the role of tourism

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## **Abstract**

The objective of this session is to delve into the profound implications of the symbiotic relationship between tourism and culture, with a particular focus on its influence on local and regional growth. We aim to explore how the dynamic interplay between these two elements not only shapes the tourism landscape but also significantly contributes to the sustainable development of local communities, in terms of social, economic and environmental aspects. By examining the nuanced effects, we can better understand whether and how cultural richness serves as a powerful catalyst for economic growth in local and regional economic systems.