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Title of Dissertation	Impact of Time Perspective on Tourists' Intention: The Mediating Roles of Travel Motivation and Travel Attitude
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Summary of Dissertation Contents	<p>Behavioral intention has been an important concept in tourism. Various factors play different roles in the decision-making process which makes it complicated and difficult to determine tourist behavior. However, studies aimed at understanding the value of tourists' temporal considerations focusing past, present, or future in relation to behavioral intention have been scarce, as previous studies on time perception were mainly conducted outside the tourism field. Drawing upon the cognitive temporal model, this study adopts an approach which examines the direct relationship between the time perspective and behavior as well as the indirect relationship between travel motivation and travel attitude in the context of Hong Kong tourists travelling abroad.</p> <p>The major outline of his dissertation is as follows:</p> <p>Chapter 1 – Introduction</p> <p>Chapter 2 – Literature Review</p> <p>Chapter 3 – Conceptual framework</p> <p>Chapter 4 – Methodology</p> <p>Chapter 5 – Results of stage one study</p> <p>Chapter 6 – Results of stage two study</p> <p>Chapter 7 – Discussions, conclusions, and implications</p>
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<p>Summary of Dissertation Screening Results</p>	<p>While the use of time perspective in theory and practice has been widely seen in psychology and customer behavior, this research is among the few that have taken the initiative of using the time perspective in tourism travel behavior but in a more comprehensive and dynamic way that contributes to the exiting literature.</p> <p>This research has opened the door for similar case studies with regional or country focus to be compared with the results of this research. The concern about Covid-19 and changes in travel behavior is also another opportunity for this research that was conducted just on the edge of the travel environment caused by the pandemic. It is now possible to research on time perspective and travel behavior to compare the results with the post COVID travel environment.</p> <p>The oral defense was held, and the author was able to satisfy the examiners about his research conduct and results. The screening results were a unanimous decision from the examiners.</p>
<p>Summary of Examination Results or confirmation of Academic Skills</p>	<p>The author has presented papers at top tier conferences, like Asia Pacific Tourism Association Annual Conference, Asia Pacific Conference, and Asia-Pacific CHRIE during the past three years. He is also working on three research papers in collaboration with different academics. One paper entitled “Understanding multi-phase tourist satisfaction: The role of self-image congruity, functional congruity and online experience sharing”, has been submitted to Tourism Analysis: An Interdisciplinary Journal. Another paper entitled “Understanding tourists’ policing attitudes and travel intentions towards a destination during an on-going social movement”, has been submitted to Journal of Destination Marketing & Management. A separate paper is at the stage of first draft. He is also working to publish two papers based on his PhD projects.</p>