

Record of Doctoral Dissertation Screening

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Title of Dissertation	THE ROLE OF TOURISM IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT: A CASE STUDY OF TAJIKISTAN
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<p>Summary of Dissertation Content</p>	<p>The dissertation has a closed look at the Impacts of tourism on rural development in general and a focus on economic development through tourism.</p> <p>The main objectives of the research are included in the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To examine the role of tourism in rural development in developing countries based on case study of Tajikistan • To understand the prerequisites of tourism and rural development • To examine the role of tourism in attracting foreign aid and investment to rural areas • To identify the potential and challenges of rural tourism development in Tajikistan • To formulate recommendations for tourism and rural development <p>Theoretical background and backup that are used in the dissertation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tourism First” or supply led theories • Simple supply or sectoral approach • Infrastructure and employment in tourism sector • Recommended methodological framework of the Tourism Satellite Account (OECD, UNWTO and UNSD 2001) <p>Methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed methods approach • Both Qualitative and Quantitative approach • SWOT <p>Implications and contribution to the existing knowledge in the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the findings of the study extend the simple supply and sectoral approach proposed by Smith 1994; Madsen and Zhang (2010) to the use of micro-data • the findings provide supportive arguments to Burns’ (1999) “Tourism First” or “Development First” model validity in the developing countries • this study shed lights on the existing academic debates on the role of tourism in attracting foreign investment to rural areas in developing countries • it empirically explores and documents new data and information about the emerging tourism destinations in Central Asia and Tajikistan <p>summary of results and conclusion</p> <p>the thesis concludes that rural development through tourism should be defined and planned base on the realities of each destination rather than generalizing and following theories in the field. In case of Tajikistan large</p>
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	<p>investment in rural tourism infrastructure in recent years can't be sustainable without incorporation of the new economic environment to the local and traditional one. Monitoring system and tourism statistic is one of the first and highest priorities and relies on human resource development. DMOs are critical and need to be established and supported. It also concludes that CBT in Tajikistan rural context should be defined and designed systematically though public and private collaborations in order to sustain rural development.</p>
<p>Summary of Dissertation Screening Results</p>	<p>The committee discussed after listening to oral presentation /defense and agreed that the includes is practical and it is an important topic in the field for Tajikistan and has substantial knowledge for implications and policy making in tourism development of Tajikistan</p> <p>The committee evaluation was made based on wholistic research methodology and results. Background and theoretical analysis were sufficient and more emphasis on further research was recommended. It was particularly demanded to continue research on updating the data collection form new investment by government of Tajikistan to trave the sustainability of development.</p> <p>Oral defense was held online and took about 40 minutes using PPT slides.</p> <p>All examiners decide and stated (unanimously) that the dissertation deserves to be awarded a degree of doctor of philosophy (PhD).</p>
<p>Summary of Examination Results or confirmation of Academic Skills</p>	<p>IN this summary I like to emphasize that:</p> <p>The graduating student complies with the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Degree Regulations Article 13 Section 1.</p> <p>Graduate has provided a comprehensive table of contents related to requirements and comments provided by final examinations. It is certified that all content are incorporated to the thesis.</p> <p>Final screening results and dissertation screening comments are submitted by all members of the committee in advance.</p> <p>The graduate student has given presentations at foreign academic conferences and have publications in academic journal. His research result is already implemented in the national tourism development policy of Tajikistan.</p>