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# Foreword

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It is my great pleasure and privilege to write a foreword to this book.

The idea for the book was first proposed by Peter Dieke. Originally it was intended as a platform for the many University of Strathclyde (The Scottish Hotel School) graduates who had developed both careers and reputations in tourism academia and practice. Its focus was to be on the role and potential of tourism as a development option in the developing world. After many discussions which greatly benefitted from Brian King and Richard Sharpley joining the editorial team, the scope of the book was enlarged. We agreed to retain the focus of the book on the developing countries but to invite as potential contributors many of the outstanding academics in the field, together with experienced consultant/practitioners, with whom we had worked. We were overwhelmed by the favourable response to our invitation. The potential and actual contributions offered not only a depth of experiential learning and academic standing but also of global experience. The contributors were told that we were not preparing a textbook but were asked to write a reflective and critical essay on the subject of their choice, to offer insights arising from their experiences, into the central question of the book; how could tourism contribute to development in the developing countries?

My input to the book was very limited! It was the outstanding editorial team which guided the book from concept to conclusion. We all gratefully acknowledge the guidance of Richard Sharpley in formatting the contributions to provide a systematic structure to the book, and who was our contact with CABI to whom we are grateful for their support and help.

With such an ambitious goal, we are aware that there are many gaps in our coverage of the topic. However, there is enough in the book to, hopefully, further encourage scholarship into the challenging and dynamic tourism and development nexus.

To you all, my sincere thanks.  
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