

## Keynote Speaker of TMS ALGARVE 2022



### **James Higham**

James Higham is a Professor at the University of Otago (New Zealand), and co-editor of the *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* (2014-2021). His research addresses sustainable tourism, tourism and global environmental change, and tourism and climate change. His recent work has focussed particularly on pathways to decarbonise tourism in response to the Paris Climate Accord (2015). His current international research collaborations address decarbonising leisure mobilities (Norway Research Council), and reducing global tourism carbon emissions (Australia Research Council). James has held visiting positions at the University of Queensland, Australia (2016-2019), University of Stavanger, Norway (2008-2019), University of Alberta, Canada (2010) and Wakayama University, Japan (2019). A major focus of his research over the last decade has been to foster public debate and inform policy change in response to the challenges confronting global tourism. He was the co-organiser of the biennial Freiburg Meetings (2012-2016) with Professors Scott Cohen, Stefan Gössling and Paul Peeters, and is the founding Co-Director of the New Zealand Tourism Policy School, and annual meeting held in Queenstown, New Zealand to discuss and debate contemporary issues in tourism development. He is a regular media commentator on tourism affairs in New Zealand and internationally.