

Thematic Session: Personalization in Hospitality

The hospitality industry has undergone a digital transformation since 2020, with shifts in demographics and technology, as well as one will have to adapt to a new post-pandemic normal, where new trends appear, and it is necessary to take conscience to include them in decision making in the hotel business. To maintain competitiveness, forward-thinking hospitality businesses are transitioning beyond the traditional model to a broader focus on the overall guest experience.

This track aims to cover aspects related to Personalization in Hospitality. Topics within this track are related, but not limited, to:

- Artificial intelligence;
- Automation;
- Business intelligence and analytics;
- Customer behaviour;
- Customer relationship management;
- Customer value models;
- Digital communication;
- Guest experience;
- Human-computer interaction;
- Internet of things;
- Personalization;
- Privacy;
- Re-imagining hotel spaces with ICT;
- Smart hotel;
- Social media;
- User-generated content;
- Web analytics.

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