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### **Biographical notes:**

Dr Razaq Raj is Senior Lecturer in the School of Events, Tourism and Hospitality teaching Financial and Strategic Management. His research interests include community events, outdoor events, economic impacts, religious tourism, cultural festivals and sustainable tourism, cultural diversity in events management and financial management for events. He has published work on special events, financial management in events, information technology, cultural festivals and events, sustainable tourism and religious tourism. He regularly attends and presents papers at national and international conferences. Dr Razaq Raj has published in a number of peer reviewed journals and conference proceedings.

Dr Razaq Raj is the author of the text books Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Management: An International Perspective, Advanced Event Management: An integrated and practical approach and Event Management and Sustainability. He is currently editing the book on Cultural Tourism. He also sits on a number of voluntary sector management boards. Dr Razaq Raj is also a board member of international journals and academic associations, CIRCLE (The Centre for International Research in Consumers Location and their Environments) and ATLAS (The Association for Tourism and Leisure Education). He was Editor in Chief for World Journal of Tourism, Leisure and Sport and now Editorial Board member for Journal of Tourism Today, Asian Journal of Development Studies, Revista De Turism (Journal of Tourism) and International Journal of Management Cases (IJMC)

**Recent publications:**

Raj, R. & Vignali (2011) Creating Local Experiences of Cultural Tourism through Sustainable Festivals, European Journal of Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation - 2011 - Volume I.

Raj, R & Rashid, T. (2011).Visitors Experience of Travel to the City of Heaven (Madinah). International Journal of Business and Globalisation (IJBG) - Special Issue "Managing the Religious Tourism Experience" Edited by: Razaq Raj, Carlos Fernandes, Kevin Griffin, Nigel Morpeth.

Raj, R. (2012) Religious Tourist's Motivation for Visiting Religious Sites v Diverse Visitors. International Journal of Tourism Policy (IJTP) (2012) - Special Issue "Enhancing the Religious Tourism Experience" Edited by: Razaq Raj and Kevin Griffin (in press)

**Research supervision:**

Supervising 7 PhD students at Leeds Business School.