



2019 ANZALS Conference Themed Session

Family leisure and its representations

Family is the most important unit in society. Understanding families provides greater insights into human life. Researching families while spending time together can be a great way to understand what is happening within families. Family members use this quality time as a chance to reunite and communicate with each other. As spending more time together is gaining in importance, family leisure is growing, and is expected to grow more in the future.

Most of us take photos and record videos while we are having fun with our family members and some may even take notes while travelling. These types of personal documents can provide an enormous amount of information and deep insights about that time. Other type of documents which are more public, such as magazines, newspapers, and advertisements, are also valuable sources of information that help explain family leisure experiences and family leisure behaviour.

Cognizant of these facts, research addressing the phenomena of family leisure is flourishing. While leisure research recognizes the importance of studying families, research using photos, videos and advertising sources is scant. This session aims to explore the new field of research concerning the dynamics of family leisure using its representations to understand family leisure behaviour and its experiences. The paper session joins a broader interdisciplinary leisure research approach through bringing together different sources of leisure information as an essential tool for understanding family leisure.

We invite paper contributions for a session at ANZALS to address the emergence of family leisure and its representations. We particularly encourage empirical papers that used media, photography, video or archival data to understand family leisure experiences and behaviours. We welcome paper submissions that address any of the following (and related) topics:

- Family leisure behaviour
- Family leisure photography/ video recording
- Understanding family leisure using archival methods
- Innovative methodologies for understanding family leisure
- The effects of family leisure on everyday lives and experiences
- Family leisure across different media

Session Chairs:

Assoc. Professor Heike Schänzel, Auckland University of Technology, heike.schanzel@aut.ac.nz

Parisa Saadat Abadi Nasab, PhD candidate, University of Otago, parisa.saadat@postgrad.otago.ac.nz