

1 Introduction and context

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This book consists of thirteen separate, yet inter-linked chapters, arranged into four sections. In section one, Chapter 2 explores the historical construction of the hospitality and tourism sectors. In section two, six chapters present an in-depth discussion of hospitality employment, drawing on themes and empirical data from six national contexts to illustrate each of the core dimensions of Fair Work. In section three, the chapters explore contemporary issues in hospitality employment in both the Global North and the Global South, as well as during times of crisis. section four includes two concluding chapters that examine the future directions of Fair Work in hospitality in terms of policy, practice, and research, with associated calls to action.

Chapter authors are leading members of the Global Hospitality Research Alliance (GHRA) representing Ireland, Scotland, England, Norway, Greece, Nigeria, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand. The GHRA is a collective of academics from across the world determined to provoke an evidence-based discussion of how hospitality work could be improved.

The editors-in-chief are Dr Deirdre Curran from the University of Galway in Ireland and Dr Anastasios Hadjisolomou from the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. A short bio of each of the contributing authors was presented at the start of the book.

Why this book?

This book will document the evolution and progress of a global collective of researchers interested in addressing the inherent challenges of work in the hospitality and tourism sectors. The Global Hospitality Research Alliance (GHRA) contends that working conditions in the hospitality and tourism sectors often fall short of the commonly accepted principles of fair and decent work. This contention is informed by data primarily sourced from six country studies adopting a similar methodology. This unique body of evidence, and unique collective of global researchers, offers the opportunity for a comprehensive and evidence-based cross-national discussion of the lived experience of hospitality workers and how it can be benchmarked against the core dimensions of the Fair Work Framework (Fredman *et al.*, 2020).