

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

# From **E**xclusion to **E**xperience

## Building Neurodiverse-Friendly Tourism in Emerging Destinations



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Prof. Hazel Gant

Hazel Gant has a strong profile in equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) leadership and scholarship. As Faculty EDIA Lead, she drives the strategic integration of inclusion across teaching, research and academic culture, developing neurodiversity affirmative practice, advising on institutional policy and embedding inclusive approaches to staff and student wellbeing. Her research focuses on inclusive and accessible tourism, ethical and inclusive business practice, neurodiversity in higher education, and the lived experience of marginalised groups, with invited talks and workshops in the UK and internationally. Her work is practice informed and impact oriented, combining empirical research, sector engagement and lived experience to advance inclusive organisational change in higher education.

PROGRAMME OPENING H 10.00

OPENING ADDRESS

### Prof. Dr. Massimo Finocchiaro Castro

*Director of the Department of Law, Economics and Human Sciences*

INTRODUCTION

### Prof. Massimiliano Ferrara

*Director of the Decisions Lab, Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria*

KEYNOTE LECTURE

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