

Preface to the English Edition

This book was originally thought of as the translation of “Economia del Turismo e delle Destinazioni” (Candela and Figini 2010a), a well-known Italian textbook of Tourism Economics, into English. The book originates from the long experience of the authors (given the age, particularly one of the two authors!) in teaching and investigating tourism-related issues at the Rimini Campus of the University of Bologna, one of the main centers in Italy for the study of Tourism Economics. Candela published his first textbook on Tourism Economics in 1996 (Candela 1996, but also see Candela 1988). Candela and Figini published their first book together in 2003 (Candela and Figini 2003).

However, the project was completely changed since its conception two years ago and, from what should have been a mere translation of the Italian version, the book was completely revisited and updated. Although its structure was not changed, the book needed to adapt to the different styles used in English, to adapt to the different and heterogeneous background of the international audience, and last but not least, to correct some mistakes that were found and some explanations that were not satisfying. To sum up, the book was basically rewritten. Although the exerted effort was considerable, errors and mistakes certainly remain, for which the authors are the sole responsible.

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