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Dr Ali Abdallah is an Assistant Professor and the Programme Leader of Tourism Management studies at Stenden University Qatar. Prior to joining Stenden, Ali was programme leader of Event Management at the University of Sunderland, England. Deriving from a mixed Middle Eastern and Western cultural background, Ali continuously aimed at combining his cultural background with his research interests. His research interests include Cultural Tourism and Tourism Development in the Middle East, Tourism Diaspora Mobilities in the UK, and Cultural Traditions as forms of Tourist Attractions.

Ali completed a BSc in Tourism and Hospitality studies, an MSc in Tourism and Event Management and is a PhD in Tourism Management at Leeds Beckett University, England.

Ali's passion and enthusiasm for the Tourism industry granted him several awards. He was awarded the "Most Engaging Lecturer" and "Best Programme Leader for Student Learning Experience" at the University of Sunderland in 2013, and awarded the "Best Lecturer of Year 2015" at Stenden University Qatar in 2015. Ali is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and is a member of several scientific and organising research committees. He is also the chair of Research at Stenden University of Applied Sciences Qatar.