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THE-ICE Research Grant Scheme (RGS) 2024 Recipient

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After an early career in the tourism and hospitality industry as well as many years in education, Olga has been an academic in the tertiary sector for the last 20 years. Her expertise in the industry comes from working in restaurants and hotels, as a tour guide and at events venues. Teaching students about tourism, Olga draws on her industry experience, academic and industry research, and her strong engagement with the tourism and events industry. She has strong knowledge of the Victorian Tourism Industry and attends many sessions and workshops relevant to tourism, hospitality, and events. Her role as a judge for the Victorian Tourism Awards since 2018 and for the Australian Tourism Awards since 2002 has given her valuable insights into many aspects of the tourism, hospitality, and events industry.

Her research has focused on international students, education and training, graduate skills and their relevance to the tourism and events industry. She has also undertaken research in events management and a number of diverse tourism and hospitality topics. Formerly a lecturer at Victoria University where she is still an Honorary Fellow, Olga now teaches regularly at the Blue Mountains International Hotel School at Torrens University and the William Angliss Institute as well as overseas at the Munich University of Applied Sciences in Germany. Besides her passion for teaching, Olga loves to travel, which she combines with her overseas teaching. She sees every journey as a learning opportunity as well as an enjoyable part of her life.