

5th International Postgraduate Conference in Irish Studies

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Conference Venue

Faculty of Arts (Filozofická fakulta), Charles University, Palachovo nám. 2, 116 38 Prague 1. Get off the metro (line A) at Staroměstská station; the Faculty of Arts is a large grey building, the only one with arches at the square facing the river. The conference opening will be in Room 111 on the first floor (take a right after ascending two flights of stairs).

Accommodation

Delegates are kindly asked to arrange their own accommodation for the duration of the conference. Many options are available ranging from hotels in the vicinity of the conference venue to more affordable Airbnb apartments. Since public transportation in Prague is fast and reliable, you may want to consider accommodation options along the metro route.

Travel and Transport in Prague

Prague Public Transportation

The **metro** operates daily from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. The time interval between train departures is approximately 2-3 minutes during the workday rush hours and 6-10 minutes during off-peak hours.

Trams and **buses**: daytime service operates from 4:30 a.m. to, approximately, midnight. Night-time service is from midnight to 4:30 a.m. and is provided by tram numbers 91 to 99 at an interval of 30 minutes, and by bus numbers 901 to 960. The central interchange station for night tram lines is the Lazarská stop. Schedules are located at individual stops and online at <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>.

Tickets

Passengers have to obtain their tickets before boarding a vehicle or entering the Metro system. The ticket is valid only if marked in the validation appliance (a yellow ticket stamping machine found near the door of trams or at the entrance to metro stations). Tickets can be bought in vending machines located in Metro stations or near some bus and tram stops, in the Prague public transports kiosks at Terminals 1 and 2 of the airport, in public transport Information Centres, at newsagents, etc.

Some vending machines allow you to purchase tickets with a credit card. You can find one of those as you get out of the Václav Havel airport.

Fares

Single ticket 24,- Kč (30 mins) or 32,- Kč (90 mins). You can transfer between lines and/or any means of public transportation on either of the tickets within the time of its validity.

Tourist Tickets

- for 24 hours 110,- Kč
- for 3 days (72 hours) 310,- Kč (must be obtained in a public transport kiosk – e.g. at the airport – or public transport Information Centre located in selected metro stations)

These tickets are valid for all the city transport facilities and allow for changes. The ticket is valid from the moment of its validation.

Ticket Inspection

The validity of tickets can be checked by the ticket inspectors of Dopravní podnik at any time during travel or waiting in the Metro system. The ticket inspector is entitled to ask a passenger to produce his or her valid ticket, to confiscate invalid tickets, and to collect a fine in the case of travel without a valid ticket (800 Kč payable on the spot is the minimum penalty). To prove their identity, inspectors produce yellow-and-red badges. They are obliged to issue a receipt for the fine.

Taxis

In comparison with public transportation, taxis are significantly more expensive (a taxi ride from the airport to the city centre will cost over 500 Kč). We strongly recommend that you use one of the companies below and **order a taxi by phone**, as by catching a cab in the street you risk being charged an impromptu rate that may turn out to be astronomical.

AAA Taxi – call (00-420)14014 or (00-420)222333222

Kurýr Taxi – call (00-420)241090090

Currency and Exchange Rates

The official currency of the Czech Republic is the Czech Crown = Česká koruna (CZK = Kč). You can find the official exchange rates on the website of the Czech National Bank at www.cnb.cz; the EUR rate fluctuates between 25 and 27 Kč per 1 EUR.

International credit cards are accepted in most restaurants, pubs and shops, but not all of them, so it is recommended that you obtain some local currency. Payment in cash in EUR is also possible in some restaurants and shops; please ask for details on site (and watch the exchange rate!).

Telephone

Czech Republic country code: +420

The general emergency number is 112 (for ambulance, police or fire brigade).

General Medical Facilities

Hospital Na Františku
Na Františku 847/8, Prague 1
Phone: +420 222 801 111

Dental Facilities

Municipal Hospital
Spálená 12, Prague 1
Phone: +420 222 924 290 (MUDr. Iva Žáková)
+420 222 924 289 (MUDr. Radek Dvořák)

Eating out

The City Centre – the vicinity of the conference venue and the Old Town Square

Traditional Czech Pubs

U Parlamentu, Kaprova 6 (<http://www.uparlamentu.cz>)

U Rudolfina, Křížovnická 10 (www.praguepubs.co.uk/pubs-details.php?id=3;
<http://www.urudolfina.cz>)

Lokál, Dlouhá 3 (<http://www.ambi.cz/en/restaurace/>; advance booking for evening meals is essential)

Kolkovna, V Kolkovně 8 (<https://www.kolkovna.cz/en>)

The PUB, Veleslavínova 3 (www.thepub.cz, open late)

Pizzerias

Pizza Donna, Veleslavínova 10 (www.pizzadonna.cz)

Grosetto Marina, Alšovo nábřeží (www.grosetto.cz/en)

International

Koloniál, Široká 6 (<http://www.kolonialpub.cz/>)

Mistral Café, Valentinská 11 (www.mistralcafe.cz/en)

Mincovna, Staroměstské náměstí 7 (<http://www.restauracemincovna.cz/>)

Cafés

Café Kampus, Náprstkova 10 (<http://cafekampus.cz/>)

Týnská literární kavárna, Týnská 6 (www.knihytynska.cz/kavarna.html)

Literární kavárna Řetězová, Řetězová 10 (<http://www.knihytynska.cz/retezova.html>)

Cafe Pub Atmosphere, Karoliny Světlé 33 (www.atmoska.cz)

Vegetarian and vegan:

Country Life, Melantrichova 15 (<https://www.countrylife.cz/restaurace-country-life-melantrichova-praha>)

Lehká hlava/Clear Head, Boršov 2 (http://www.lehkahlava.cz/en_home.htm; advance booking for evening meals is essential)

Maitrea, Týnská ulička 6 (http://restaurace-maitrea.cz/en_home.htm ; advance booking for evening meals is essential)

The City Centre – Malá Strana (across the river from conference venue)

Cafés

Dobrá Trafika, Újezd 27 (<http://www.dobratrafika.cz/>)

Kavárna Mlýnská, Všešrdova 449/14 (<https://www.facebook.com/kavarna.mlynska/>)

Pubs

Malostranská Pivnice, Cihelná 3 (www.malostranskapivnice.cz)

Malostranská beseda, Malostranské náměstí 21 (<http://www.malostranska-beseda.cz/en/club/programme/upcoming-events.html>)

Lokál - U Bílé kuželky, Míšeňská 12 (<http://lokal-ubilekuzelky.ambi.cz/en>)