

CONFERENCE VENUE INFORMATION

Welcome to Lisbon! The following messages provide practical information for you to plan and visit Lisbon during the congress.

ABOUT LISBON

The capital of Portugal, Lisbon is situated on the north banks of the River Tagus, a city set on seven hills with its cobble stoned pavements and colorful cityscape. Lisbon charm comes from its strong links to the past; renovated palaces, magnificent churches and an impressive castle mirror the city's rich cultural heritage. Its eclectic blend of neighborhoods, culture, architecture and easy going charm distinguishes this capital city from the other European capitals, and make it a truly fascinating and delightful city to visit.

HEALTH

Phone number for police, ambulance and fire is 112 (the standard number for EU). Police officers speak English. Pharmacies are open Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and again from 3.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m. Some pharmacies are also open during lunch time. On Saturdays they are open from 9 am until 1 pm. The address of the nearest night service is posted on the door of every pharmacy. European Union citizens can utilize the public hospitals paying only a small fee. The same applies if your country has a mutual agreement with the Portuguese government; please check with your embassy. It is advisable that travelers obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before travel. There are no health risks attached with travelling to Portugal. During summer, sunburns are quite common. Tap water is safe to drink, even in spouts and fountains. The taste of the water is due to being a bit calcarious. Several inexpensive un expensive Restaurants

WEATHER

Lisbon has a warm climate, with sunny spring and summer days when temperatures frequently reach 30°C (85°F) or above. Winters are wet and windy, temperatures averaging well above 10°C (50°F), but quite often it may get colder.

MONEY

Portugal uses the Euro. Visitors will find ATMs which accept major credit cards widely spread around the city. No local tax is charged for withdrawals. Therefore this is the best option for visitors using cards emitted on countries using the Euro. For cards emitted on countries using other currencies, taxes are applied according to the origin bank. Visitors can also use euro travelers cheques, which can be changed at foreign exchange counters across the city as well as at banks and many hotel receptions. The best rates can normally be found at banks.

SAFETY

Travel to Portugal should be trouble-free, but there is a rising incidence of petty theft and pick pocketing in tourist areas, so reasonable care should be taken, as you would in any large city. Use a money-belt and keep valuables hidden especially when in crowded trams and buses. Although incidents are rare, avoid walking alone through the Bairro Alto, Alfama and Cais do Sodré districts late at night. If you do get challenged, it's far better to hand stuff over than take a risk.

LANGUAGE

You will find that many people in Lisbon speak English; specially young people, but be prepared to use your phrase book. Portuguese is the official language of Portugal, which replaced Classical Latin in 1296. French is Portugal's third language, while Spanish is also widely understood. Unless speaking to someone who is fluent in English,

Spanish or French, visitors should speak slowly and clearly if they want to be understood. In general, locals will try their best to try and help you.

TRANSPORTATION

Lisbon's transport network is extensive and consists of trains, metro, trams, buses, ferries and funiculars. Road traffic is often congested and the steep plains of the city as well as the cobble stoned pavements can make walking on foot tiresome. The best way to get around the city is to use the extensive bus, electrico (tram) and metro networks. The best way to ride is buying a 7 Colinas or Viva Viagem card, where you can take advantage of buying cheaper multiple trips. Both can be used in Bus and Metro. A rechargeable card can be purchased for as little as €0.50, in automatic machines in the Metro or in Carris shops. If you make more than three rides in a day, you can also buy a day pass for €3.70.

Lisbon Portela Airport is located within the city and is the largest airport in Portugal, handling over 10 million passengers per annum. It acts as the main air hub for Portugal, offering both domestic and international flights to European, Asian, African and transatlantic destinations. The terminal building is divided into separate areas for Arrivals and Departures.

Arriving passengers wishing to travel from Lisbon Portela Airport to the city centre can make use of the many public bus services that run to and from the city center, with the journey taking around 30 to 45 minutes. If you have lots of baggage, local buses are not a very practical choice of transport during rush hours. Opt alternatively for the AeroBus or metered taxis. A ticket for the Aerobus (a special bus shuttle from the airport to the city center) is €3.50. The Aerobus departs every 20 minutes and is available between 07.00h-23.00h. Besides the Aerobus it is also possible to take the following bus during the day 5, 22, 44, 83 and during the night 208, 745. A ticket can be bought on board and costs €1.40. Taxis cost about €10 from the airport to the city center. Charge is according to the meter, adding €1.20 per item of luggage. As with many cities, watch out for dishonesty from Taxi drivers at the airport. If you think you are being charged significantly more (paying €45 to get into the city but only €6 back to the airport is not unheard of) ask for their number and a receipt, and make it clear you plan to complain. To avoid fraud, you can buy a taxi-voucher in the airport which, depending on the zone of Lisbon where you want to go to, costs either €13,28 or €16,91 during the day and €15,94 or €20,28 in the night, with luggage. Make sure to ask the driver how much he estimates the fare will be before getting in the taxi, which will diminish the chance for a surprise bounce in the price.

ELECTRICITY

Electrical current is 220 volts, 50Hz. Round two-pin plugs are used.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Lisbon Welcome Centre is situated at Praça do Comércio Loja 1 r/c- Loja 2- 1º (tel: +351 21 031 28 10/15). Visitors can visit their office in person for tourist information or alternatively visit their website (www.atl-turismolisboa.pt). Additional tourist information offices are available in the city, with an office situated at Lisbon International Airport in Arrivals.

CONFERENCE VENUES

Monday: 9:00 – 17:00 Tutorials and Registration at Instituto Superior Técnico

Monday: 18:00 – 20:00 Welcome Reception at Palácio Galveias (no registration available)

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 – 18:00 Registration and Sessions at Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian



CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

The conference will be held at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, Portugal, and it is located in the Av. De Berna, a few kilometers from the Lisbon airport (Aeroporto da Portela), and a couple of minutes walking from the closest subway stations, Praça de Espanha or São Sebastião. If you are riding by bus use number 16, 718, 726, 742, 746, 56. Once on the premises, take the main entrance and then go to the lower floor by using the wide stairways.

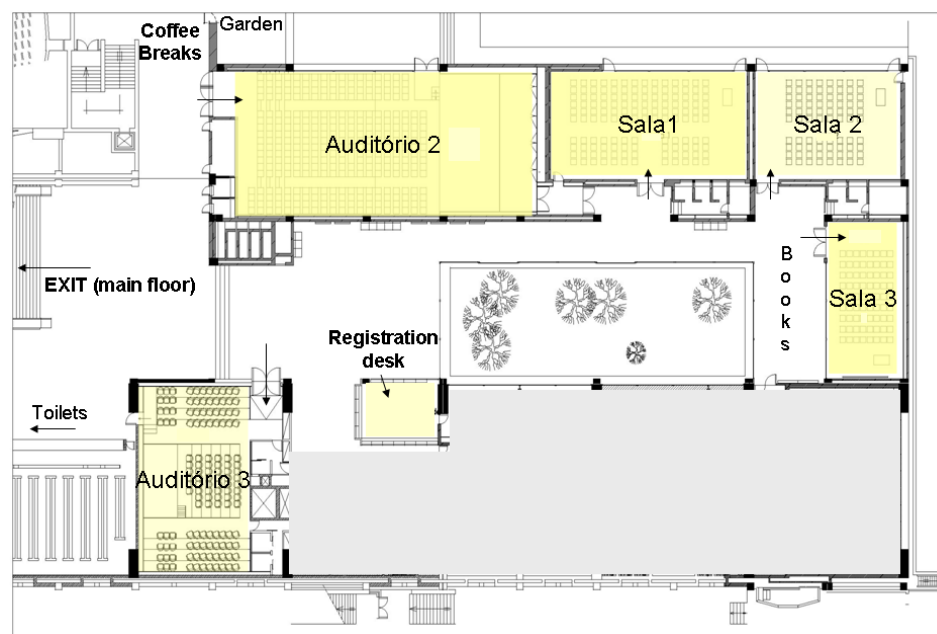
The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a Portuguese private institution of public utility whose statutory aims are in the fields of arts, charity, education and science. Created by a clause in Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian's will, the Foundation's statutes were approved in 1956.



The Foundation has an orchestra and a choir that performs throughout the year within a regular season, as well as organises international conferences, meetings and courses, awards subsidies and scholarships for specialist studies and doctorates in Portugal and abroad, and supports programmes and projects of a scientific, educational and artistic nature. Moreover, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is actively involved in publishing, especially through its programme for university textbooks. It also fosters co-operation projects with Portuguese-speaking African countries and East Timor, promotes Portuguese culture abroad, and operates a programme to preserve evidence of the Portuguese presence in the world. In addition, the Foundation supports Armenian communities worldwide.

Registration will start on Tuesday at 8:00.

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation — Conference Area Floor Map



Internet Access

There is limited wireless internet access at the conference center. Please bring your own laptop to access the system.

INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TÉCNICO

Pre-conference tutorials will be held at the Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), which is the largest and most well-known school of Engineering, Science and Technology in Portugal. Since its creation in 1911, IST's mission is to provide top quality higher education, as well as to develop Research, Development and Innovation activities according to the highest international standards. A vast number of courses in cutting-edge engineering areas, at undergraduate, Master and Doctoral levels, are nowadays offered at IST. IST is also actively involved in several networks and international programmes to promote student mobility, both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Through a large number of agreements with other institutions worldwide, IST participates in more than 20 Dual Master Programmes, and joint PhD Programmes with MIT, CMU, UT-Austin and EPFL.

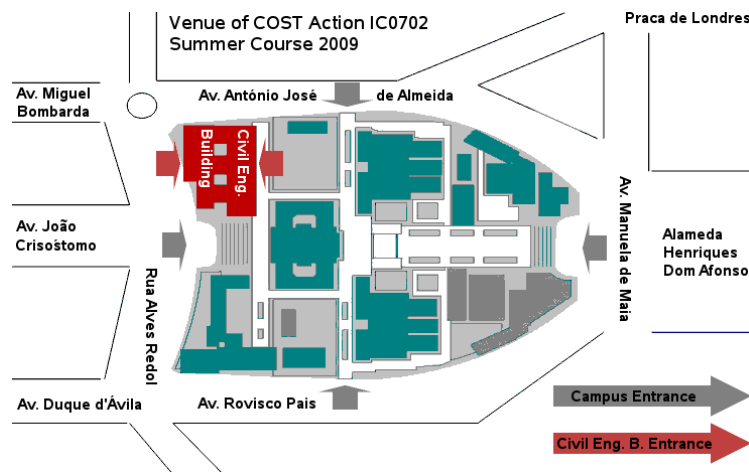


IST is composed of the Alameda Campus in Lisbon and Taguspark in Oeiras. The Alameda Campus was built under the direction of Duarte Pacheco, and was concluded in 1937 by Porfírio Pardal Monteiro, who designs for the first time, a university campus in Portugal. The Alameda Campus benefits from a transport network that facilitates mobility to all the areas of the city. In its vicinity, there are many shopping, leisure, culture, entertaining and sports areas.

The Alameda Campus of IST is located in one of the central-most parts of Lisbon, on Av. Rovisco Pais. It is easily accessible using the subway or the Bus. The closest subway stations are Saldanha or Alameda and there are several buses that stop in Av. Rovisco Pais (16, 22, 40, 718, 720, 767), Alameda (7, 22, 40, 718, 720, 767) and Saldanha (16, 36, 44, 83, 718, 726, 727). Buses 16, 726 and 742 can take you directly from Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation to IST. The walking distance from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is about 20 minutes at a leisure pace.

The Tutorials will be held in conjunction with the COST Action IC0702 Summer Course on "Soft Computing and Statistics" in the Civil Engineering Building IST at the Alameda Campus, see map below.

On the first day of the conference (July 20th), registration is also open at the same location.



Internet Access

Eduroam (EDUcation ROAMing) is available in all campus. There is also limited wireless internet access for the conference participants. Please bring your own laptop to access the system.

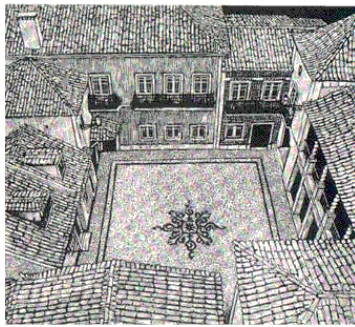
PALÁCIO GALVEIAS (WELCOME RECEPTION)



The Opening Session and Welcome Reception will be held at the gardens of the “Palácio Galveias”, which is located only about 250m from Instituto Superior Técnico, at “Campo Pequeno”, Lisbon. This Palace was built by the order of the Távora family as a country house in the XVIIIth century. Afterward it belonged to the Counts of Galveias and after that to a capitalist from Lisbon. The Municipal Library of Lisbon is located at this Palace since 1931.

Helpers will help the participants of IFSA-EUSFLAT 2009 to walk to the Palace after the end of the Tutorials / Registration. If you prefer to come by bus, line 56 takes you directly from Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation to Palácio Galveias. Please note that Registration will not be available at Palácio Galveias. Please register earlier at Técnico.

PÁTEO ALFACINHA (CONFERENCE BANQUET)



The conference banquet will be held at “Pátio Alfacinha” at Rua do Guarda Jóias, 44, Lisbon. Convenient buses will be available outside the door of Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation to take you to the banquet. These buses will also take you back to the main hotels of the Congress.

Buses will leave Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation at 18:30 and will give a small tour through downtown and Belém.

The location is well known for its recreation of early 20th Century ambiance of typical Lisbon neighborhoods. No formal dressing code is required. Casual dressing recommended.