

Reconfiguring Southern Europe

Standing Group in South European Politics

ECPR General Conference, 8–10 September, 2016



Conference Guide

Welcome to Prague

Dear Members of the Standing Group on Southern European Politics

Dear Participants in the Section on *Reconfiguring Southern Europe*

Many thanks to our SG member and Prague resident, Martin Mejstrik, who has put together this helpful guide. Hope you will find it useful! Martin is happy to answer queries or offer advice on local matters: his email is mejstrik.m@fsv.cuni.cz

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Weather

The temperature in September is usually around 18°C; however the weather is somewhat unpredictable, with a possibility of rain. Nevertheless we expect mild sunny weather for the Conference time period. The whole country lies in the UTC+1 time zone.

Electrical appliances

The electrical outlet in the Czech Republic is 230 V, 50 Hz, type E. If you come from a country with different standards, please bring a Euro plug converter, or you can buy one in Prague.

Arrival

Bus 119 connects the airport to Nádraží Veleslavín metro station (bus line terminus) at the A Line (Green) from where you can enter the city Metro net. Bus tickets can be purchased at the stands inside the Terminals or at the ticket machines at the bus stops. Single ticket costs 24 CZK. You can also use taxi (Taxi Praha or AAA Taxi) which are present at the Terminals 24/7. Standard price for going to the city centre is 20–25 EUR).

Public Transportation System

Prague is known for its quite cheap, simple and reliable public transportation system. Trams and buses operate non-stop. Last “Metro” train leaves at midnight from the first station; first train starts to operate at 4:30 a.m. You can buy a one-way ticket in a ticket-machine located in every underground station. Basic ticket valid 90 minutes in all types of public transportation costs 32 Czech crowns.

The public transportation operates on an honour system; you don’t have to show the ticket upon entering bus, tram or “Metro”. You must always carry a stamped ticket while travelling! Traffic controls are frequent and fining policy strict! Smoking is strictly prohibited inside “Metro” stations as well as at bus and tram stops. For more information visit <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>.

Money

The official currency in the Czech Republic is Česká koruna (1 EUR=27,5 CZK, 1 USD=25,2, 1 GBP=37,4). The easiest way to get money is to withdraw Czech crowns from an ATM. You may also go to some exchange office but not all of these maintain adequate rates and commission fees.

Eating and drinking

You may find various types of cuisines in restaurants in Prague, but most of them offer typical central European dishes like schnitzel, goulash or more traditional Czech meals as “svíčková” (beef sirloin in gravy, topped with cranberry jam and a dollop of cream).

Typically, you won’t be shown to a table, it’s up to you to find a seat. You can always see a stamp at the entrance door indicating if the place is smoking, non-smoking or both. Majority of the restaurants are still smoking-allowed, but smoking may be forbidden during lunch time. It is always favourable to order lunch menus (typically available Mo-Fri 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.), which mostly consist of a soup and a main dish. You can always ask to pay together or separately, tip should be around 10% but it is not mandatory.

Restaurants in the historical city centre are generally overcharged – you should be able to find a place where you can have a proper lunch for 130 CZK. As Czechs are known to be a beer drinking nation, you can usually find some tasty draught beer on the menu. Basic two

types are 10° and 12° beer. However, this number doesn't refer to alcohol but to the consistence of the beer (12° contains typically 5% of alcohol, price around 35 CZK).

Emergency numbers

Emergency number: 112

Ambulance: 155

Police: 158

Fire: 150

Accommodation

Here is a list of central hotels and B&B close to the conference venue (5 to 20 min on foot):
The list below is supplementary to the list of hotels on the ECPR conference website. Most of the hotels and B&B below can be booked via the Booking.com at: <http://www.booking.com>

Hotels (60 – 90 EUR single room per night)

Konviktská Cloister Inn

Konviktská 14

<http://www.hotel-cloister.com/>

Residence Bologna

Konviktská 5

<http://www.pragueresidencebologna.com/>

Fusion Hotel

Panská 9

<http://fusionhotels.com/>

Ibis Old Town

Na Poříčí 5

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5477-ibis-praha-old-town/index.shtml>

Best Western Hotel

Křemencová 13

<http://www.hotel-pav.cz/en/>

Wenceslas Square Hotel

Mezibranská 13

<http://www.wenceslassquare.cz/>

Colloseum Hotel

Myslíkova 26

<http://www.hotel-colloseum.cz/en/Home>

Novoměstský Hotel

Řeznická 4

<http://www.novomestskyhotel.cz/en/home>

Koruna Hotel

Opatovická 16

<http://hotelkoruna.eu/en/>

Hotel Museum

Mezibranská 15

<http://www.hotelmuseum.cz/>

Andante Hotel

Ve Smečkách 4

<http://www.andante.cz/en/>

Central Hotel Prague

Rybná 8

<http://www.central-hotel-prague.com/>

Betlem Club Hotel

Betlémské nám. 9

<http://www.betlemclub.cz/en/>

Hotel King George

Liliová 10

<http://www.hotelkinggeorge.cz/en>

Residence Leon D'Oro

Havelská 29

<http://www.pragueleondoro.com/>

Hotel Modrá Růže

Rytířská 16

<http://www.hotelmodraruze.cz/EN/index.html>

U Červené židle – Red Chair Hotel

Liliová 4

<http://u-cervene-zidle.hotel.cz/accommodation/>

Hotel Mánes

Myslíkova 20

<http://www.hotelmanes.cz/en/>

Hostels (selected from booking.com, single room cca 40 EUR per night)

Hostel Miles

Vodičkova 38

Gallery Hostel

V jámě 7

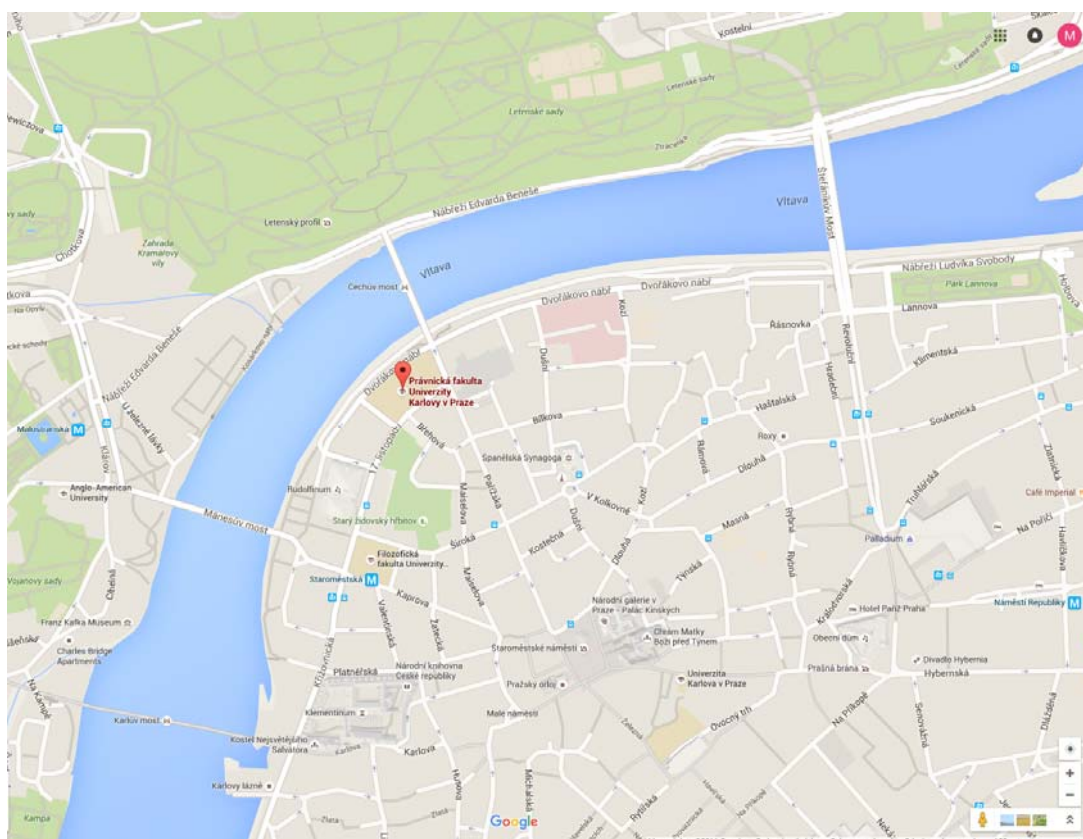
Hostel Mojo

Řeznická 17

See next page for the conference venue

Venue

The main venue of the ECPR General Conference and where the plenary meetings will take place is the Faculty of Law of Charles University – **nám. Curieových 7** located one tram stop or 10 minutes on foot from the nearest metro stop Staroměstská (Line A).



The Section of the Standing Group in South European Politics will take place in the historical building of the Faculty of Arts of Charles University – **nám. Jana Palacha 1** situated in front of the metro station Staroměstská. Our session will be situated in **aula 300**, the second biggest room at the faculty.



How to get there

Metro: Line A (Staroměstská); Tram: Line 17 or 18 (stop Staroměstská)

