

Aging & Social Change: Ninth Interdisciplinary Conference 2019 Delegate Packet

Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in the Aging & Social Change: Ninth Interdisciplinary Conference. We are pleased you will be joining us in Vienna, Austria at the University of Vienna and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Aging & Social Change Research Network this September.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Manchester. In this document, you will find a variety of information on subjects, such as transportation, hotel and travel, activities and extras, conference registration, equipment, and session types.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations, and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain please visit the conference website at <u>https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference</u>.

We hope your planning goes well, and we look forward to seeing you in Vienna!

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Venue and Conference Information

Conference Venue

University of Vienna Faculty of Computer Science Währinger Str. 29, 1090 Wien, Austria https://goo.gl/maps/irSMmjptGTZ3VxEw7

Registration Desk Hours and Location

The conference will take place 16-17 September 2019. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on the first day and at 8:30 AM on the second day of the conference. The registration desk will be located at the University of Vienna, Faculty of Computer Science, and will be open throughout the hours of the conference.

Any questions that arise at the conference should be directed to the staff at the conference registration desk. This includes questions regarding presentation equipment, your particular presentation, signing up for tours, and questions about submitting your article to the journal collection.

<u>Program</u>

The conference schedule of sessions will be available on the website two months prior to the conference: <u>https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/program#block-2</u>. In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.



Presentation Information

Session Types

Plenary Sessions: Plenary speakers, chosen from among the world's leading thinkers, offer formal presentations on topics of broad interest to the community. One or more speakers are scheduled into a plenary session, most often the first session of the day. As a general rule, there are no questions or discussion during these sessions. Instead, plenary speakers answer questions and participate in informal, extended discussions during their Garden Conversation.

Garden Conversation: Garden Conversations are informal, unstructured sessions that allow delegates a chance to meet plenary speakers and talk with them at length about the issues arising from their presentation. When the venue and weather allow, we try to arrange for a circle of chairs to be placed outdoors.

Talking Circles: Held on the first day of the conference, Talking Circles offer an early opportunity to meet other delegates with similar interests and concerns. Delegates self-select into groups based on broad thematic areas and then engage in extended discussion about the issues and concerns they feel are of utmost importance to that segment of the community. Questions like "Who are we?", "What is our common ground?", "What are the current challenges facing society in this area?", "What challenges do we face in constructing knowledge and effecting meaningful change in this area?" may guide the conversation. When possible, a second Talking Circle is held on the final day of the conference, for the original group to reconvene and discuss changes in their perspectives and understandings as a result of the conference experience.

Themed Paper Presentation: Paper presentations are grouped by general themes or topics into sessions comprised of three or four presentations followed by group discussion. Each presenter in the session makes a formal twenty-minute presentation of their work; Q&A and group discussion follow after all have presented. Session Chairs introduce the speakers, keep time on the presentations, and facilitate the discussion. Each presenter's formal, written paper will be available to participants if accepted to the journal.

Colloquium: Colloquium sessions are organized by a group of colleagues who wish to present various dimensions of a project or perspectives on an issue. Four or five short formal presentations are followed by commentary and/or group discussion. A single article or multiple articles may be submitted to the journal based on the content of a colloquium session.

Focused Discussion: For work that is best discussed or debated, rather than reported on through a formal presentation, these sessions provide a forum for an extended "roundtable" conversation between an author and a small group of interested colleagues. Several such discussions occur simultaneously in a specified area, with each author's table designated by a number corresponding to the title and topic listed in the program schedule. Summaries of the author's key ideas, or points of discussion, are used to stimulate and guide the discourse. A single article, based on the scholarly work and informed by the focused discussion as appropriate, may be submitted to the journal.

Workshop/Interactive Session: Workshop sessions involve extensive interaction between presenters and participants around an idea or hands-on experience of a practice. These sessions may also take the form of a crafted panel, staged conversation, dialogue or debate - all involving substantial interaction with the audience. A single article (jointly authored, if appropriate) may be submitted to the journal based on a workshop session.

Poster Sessions: Poster sessions present preliminary results of works in progress or projects that lend themselves to visual displays and representations. These sessions allow for engagement in informal discussions about the work with interested delegates throughout.

Innovation Showcase: Researchers and innovators present products or research and development. All presentations should be grounded in presenters research experience. Promotional conversations are permissible, however, products or services may not be sold at the conference venue.

Virtual Lightning Talk: Lightning talks are 5-minute "flash" video presentations. Authors present summaries or overviews of their work, describing the essential features (related to purpose, procedures, outcomes, or product). Like Paper Presentations, Lightning Talks are grouped according to topic or perspective into themed sessions. Authors are welcome to submit traditional "lecture style" videos or videos that use visual supports like PowerPoint. Final videos must be submitted at least one month prior to the conference start date. After the conference, videos are then presented on the community YouTube channel. Full papers can based in the virtual poster can also be submitted for consideration in the journal.

Virtual Poster: This format is ideal for presenting preliminary results of work in progress or for projects that lend themselves to visual displays and representations. Each poster should include a brief abstract of the purpose and procedures of the work. After acceptance, presenters are provided with a template, and Virtual Posters are submitted as a PDF or in PowerPoint. Final posters must be submitted at least one month prior to the conference start date. Full papers can based in the virtual poster can also be submitted for consideration in the journal.

Presentation Equipment

All session rooms at the University of Vienna will be equipped with screens, data projectors, and computers. **Delegates are asked to bring a USB memory stick with their pre-loaded presentation**. As a backup, we also suggest you email yourself a copy of the final presentation. Please also note that presenters must furnish all other equipment or materials needed for individual presentations, including audio speakers and handouts. Focused Discussion and Poster Session rooms will not have screens, data projectors, or computers available for presenters.

A complete list of presentation guidelines, suggestions for presentation, and equipment information can be found here: <u>http://cgnetworks.org/support/conference-presentation-guidelines</u>

Internet Access

WiFi will be provided onsite to all conference delegates. Please see the registration desk for login information.

Electricity and Power Sockets

For our international delegates, power sockets used in Austria are Type C and Type F. Austria operates on a 230V supply voltage and a frequency of 50 Hz. An adapter and/or converter may be necessary.



Activities and Extras

Pre-Conference Tour: Walking Tour of Vienna

Date: Sunday, 15 September Tour Start Time: 14:00 (2:00 PM) Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours Meeting Location: Lobby of the Conference Hotel - Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus, Josefsgasse 4-8, A-1080 Wien Cost: US\$20

Join other conference delegates the day before the conference for the Pre-Conference Walking Tour of Vienna.

Austria's capital is characterized by its imperial grandeur and impressive architecture. The former home of renowned figures including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Otto Wagner, and Sigmond Freud, the city is known for its artistic and intellectual history. The tour will be led by an expert guide who will talk about the history and culture of this iconic city

https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/special-events#block-1

Conference Welcome Reception

Date: Monday, 16 September Time: Directly following the last session of the day Location: SkyLounge at the University of Vienna Cost: Complimentary to all conference delegates There is no need to pre-register for this event.

Common Ground Research Networks and the Aging & Social Change Conference will be hosting a welcome reception at the conference venue, University of Vienna. The reception will be held directly following the last parallel session of the first day,

16 September. Join other conference delegates and plenary speakers for drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to converse.

https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/special-events#block-2





Closing Session and Award Ceremony

Date: Tuesday, 17 September **Time**: Directly following the last session of the day **Location**: University of Vienna **There is no need to pre-register for this event.**

Come join the plenary speakers and your fellow delegates for the Aging & Social Change: Ninth Interdisciplinary Conference Closing Session and Award Ceremony, where there will be special recognition given to those who have helped at the

conference as well as announcements for next year's conference. The ceremony will be held at the University of Vienna directly following the last session of the day.

https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/special-events#block-3

<u>Conference Dinner: Glacis Beisl</u> Date: Tuesday, 17 September Time: 19:30 (7:30 PM) Location: Glacis Beisl, Breite G. 4, 1070 Wien, Austria Regular Dinner Cost: US\$65 Vegetarian Dinner Cost: US\$55



In the 7th district of Vienna, nestled between Volkstheater, Spittelberg, Mariahilferstrasse, and Museumsquartier, the Glacis Beisl is a refuge for those who need a bit of distance from the hustle and bustle of the city. Here you can expect a

symbiosis of modernity and tradition - this philosophy represents our restaurant both on the plate and in the dining room.

Absinthe-green demoulding table tops, cast-iron terrazzo floor, and a classic taproom, with secluded pergolas under tall walnut trees is how we have integrated the tradition of a genuine Viennese Beisl into an urban environment. With a mix of classics from Viennese and old Austrian cuisine, the Glacis Beisl welcomes its guests in one of the most charming guest gardens in Vienna.

Dinner will begin with smoked trout tartar with dill honey mustard sauce. The main course will be a selection of boiled prime beef, served with hash brown potatoes, and apple-horseradish and chive sauce. Somlau sweet dumplings with rum and raisins will be served for dessert. Drinks are included. A vegetarian alternative will be available

https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/special-events#block-4



Accommodation Information

Conference Hotel: Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus

From the hotel: "Our affectionately run, privately owned, elegant 4-star hotel is located in an idyllic side street in the 8th district of Vienna, the historical Josefstadt. The city center with all its sights, theaters, museums, and shopping streets is just a few minutes walk away. As well, the very close underground line no. 2 connects you perfectly to the city's public transport."

https://agingandsocialchange.com/2019-conference/hotel-travel#block-1

Address: Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus Josefsgasse 4-8 A-1080 Wien



Directions and Transportation

Arrival in Vienna

Directions to the City Center from Vienna International Airport

Vienna International Airport is located about 18 km from the city center. For information on flights and airport facilities, please visit the airport website: <u>https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/</u>

By City Airport Train (CAT)

This train leaves from the airport and arrives at Wien Mitte in about 16-minutes. There are no stops along the route. Wien Mitte is located fairly in the central part of Vienna and is a station for various public transport lines, including the subway (U3 and U4), tram (line O), and multiple trains and buses. The cost is about €11 one-way and trains depart about every 30-mnutes from early in the morning until the late evening. For timetables and ticket information, visit: <u>https://www.viennaairport.com/</u>

By S7 and Other Trains (ÖBB)

The S7 train stops at various points in Vienna, including the airport. Stops include: Floridsdorf, Handelskai, Traisengasse, Praterstern, Wien Mitte, Rennweg, St. Marx, Geiselbergstraße, Zentralfriedhof, and Kaiserebersdorf. Tickets are about €4.20 for a single ticket or €1.80 if you already have a travel pass for the city. The station is located below the airport.

By Bus

There are three bus lines that travel between the airport and various points in the city. Buses leave every 30-60 minutes, depending on the route, and journey times vary from around 20 to 45 minutes. For timetables and ticket information, visit: <u>https://www.viennaairportlines.at/en/</u>

By Taxi

Taxi companies have booths in the arrivals hall of the airport located opposite and to the left of where passengers emerge. Typical fare from the airport to the city is around \in 36.

Transportation in Vienna

Vienna has a very well-established public transit network. Vienna public transport company, Wiener Linien, operates five underground lines, 29 tram and 127 bus lines. Tickets are valid on all public transport options. Visit the Wiener Linien website for routes, ticket information, and to use their journey planner: https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeId/66533/channelId/-48703

U-Bahn is Vienna's underground metro system and consists of five lines: U1, U2, U3, U4, and U6 (there is no U5). A singlejourney ticket is about €2.40 and multiple trip passes are available. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket machines in the metro stations, at WL ticket offices (look for "vorverkauf," or "advance tickets"), railway stations, and at many tobacconists ("tabak trafik").

Trams run throughout Vienna, offering a convenient option for traveling throughout the city from 6 am to midnight. Older trams have a list of stops displayed onboard and newer trams have screens displaying stop information. Tickets purchased onboard have an increased rate, so it is advised to purchase a ticket ahead of time from a ticket machine at a metro or train station.

Buses also operate throughout the city much like the trams, but with more route options.

Taxis are available throughout Vienna and are relatively cheap. City journeys are metered; the minimum charge is roughly €3.80 from 6am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and €4.30 any other time, plus a per kilometer fee of €1.42. A telephone reservation costs an additional €2.80. A tip of 10% is expected. Taxis can be found at train stations and at taxi stands around the city. A few taxi companies and their phone numbers are listed below:

Flughafentaxi Wien: +43 676 5555 220 Taxi 31300: +43 1 31300

General Travel Tips & Information

Get to know the city you are going to visit before you leave home.

Many resources are available to help navigate the different sights and cultures abroad, and help you to more easily find your way around. Remember, the conference organizers are visitors to this beautiful city, too, and although we do our best to assist our conference delegates, we may not be best qualified to offer directional or tourism information. For this, we encourage delegates to engage the many helpful resources of a hotel's concierge desk or reference trusted travel sites and guidebooks, such as <u>www.Frommers.com</u>, <u>www.Fodors.com</u>, or <u>www.TripAdvisor.com</u>.

Know where you're going and how to get there.

Differences in languages can sometimes make getting around a foreign city challenging, even for the savvy traveler. It's helpful to have the addresses for both your hotel and the conference venue handy. Showing a taxi driver or ticket operator a written address is a helpful way to get you to your destination within the city when you arrive. If during your trip you will be on a schedule and need to get to places by a certain time (ie. conference check-in, presentation times, tours, dinner reservations, etc.), it's recommended that you explore and "test drive" the route you'll be taking ahead of time so that you're aware of the time it will take to get there. Taking this step also helps you know exactly where you'll be heading without the worry of getting lost. Maps, along with utilization of your hotel's concierge desk, and a little research of the local transportation systems ahead of time will also make your trip more enjoyable and run more smoothly.

Familiarize yourself with the transportation options available in your destination city.

Knowing the best way to get around any city is key. For instance, in many larger cities, public transportation is the preferred and often times the most economical and quickest means of transportation. These robust public transportation systems means there are often metros, subways, busses, trollies, and trains available to get you from one point to another seamlessly throughout a city, many times more economically and quicker than taxi or car hires.

Use only certified and registered public transportation when abroad.

If using taxis, avoid using taxis that are unmarked and have no identifying company emblems. It's always a good idea to call and order a taxi from a central dispatch office to ensure safe, professional service and pricing. If you need to hail a taxi on the street, be sure to look for a familiar taxi emblem from one of the major taxi companies in town and negotiate the fare before getting into the taxi to ensure a fair and agreed upon price.

Make hotel reservations before you arrive at your destination.

To ensure the availability of accommodations, make sure to confirm a reservation at the conference hotel or hotel of your choosing before leaving home. Often times, and also depending on the time of year and what events are going on in your destination city, hotels fill up well ahead of the conference date, and accommodations can be very difficult to secure upon arrival. Reserving accommodations well ahead of your arrival (2-4 months prior to trip is recommended) can avoid much stress and often times can result in more economical rates versus last-minute accommodations.

Exchange money before you leave home.

Whether you plan on exchanging the majority of your currency when you arrive at your destination or anticipate paying mostly with credit cards, it's always a good idea to exchange a small amount of money before you leave home to have

on-hand in case you can't find an exchange desk/shop right away upon arrival. Be sure to carry at least enough for transportation to your hotel and a meal or two. When exchanging money abroad, be aware of service charges noted in small print and shop around for the best exchange rates.

Be aware of the currency differences and familiarize yourself with the local currency.

Having a working knowledge of the various denominations ahead of time will help you avoid common tourist pitfalls such as short-changing and over-charging.

Bring country/region appropriate power adapters and voltage converters.

Standard electrical outlets and voltage amounts vary from country to country. Prior to leaving home, confirm the correct adapter type and voltage for the region and country you'll be visiting so that you'll be able to easily connect and use laptops, e-readers, cell phone chargers, electric shavers and hair dryers during your trip. Foreign adapters and converters can be purchased at most electronic stores and airport newsstands. Note that more powerful appliances, such as hair dryers, also require voltage converters to function properly overseas. Be sure to research and confirm what each of your devices will need in order to function safely and properly.

Consider purchasing travel insurance.

The savvy traveler is always prepared for the unforeseen and occasional emergency situation. Travel insurance is a smart way to make sure you're covered in case a medical emergency arises. Contact your insurance provider to see if they have travel policies that cover you overseas. Some credit card companies also offer travel insurance that cover travelers in case they experience medical or dental emergencies while abroad.

Bring any personal items and medications you will need during your time abroad.

Although pharmacies and grocery stores are easily found in many major cities, be sure to bring personal items and necessary medications with you, especially if you require a specific brand or prescription that can't easily be found or filled abroad. It is also recommended to have these items in your carry-on luggage rather than your checked-luggage.

Familiarize yourself with your cell phone carrier's roaming and international rates/charges prior to leaving home.

Often times, using personal cell phones abroad can be very costly depending on your carrier's roaming and international rates. Some companies have temporary international plans that can be purchased during your time abroad. Contact your cell phone carrier prior to your trip to inquire about the options available to you.