

Practical Information: SIG Venue

Trinity College is located in the centre of Dublin, with a 47 acre campus of cobbled squares, historic buildings and green playing fields alongside state-of-the-art modern facilities. Participants may wish to explore the TCD campus guide (www.tcd.ie/visitors), the Dublin Tourism website (www.visitdublin.com), and the national Discover Ireland website (www.discoverireland.com). The venue for the EALTA CEFR SIG is the Trinity Long Room Hub, the university's research institute for the Arts and Humanities.

A number of different accommodation options are possible, including hostels, bed and breakfast accommodation and hotels. Please note that the cost of hotel nights in Dublin has risen steeply recently, and guests should book their accommodation as soon as possible. SIG participants may wish to explore the O'Callaghan Hotel Group www.ocallaghanhotels.com or the Trinity City Hotel www.trinitycityhotel.com, adjacent to the university.

Dublin Airport is situated some 10 km north of the city centre (there is only one international airport in Dublin). Ryanair and Aer Lingus provide reasonably priced options between most European cities and Dublin, in addition to the other European airlines. Below are suggestions on how to travel from the airport to the university below. The city centre is easy to navigate on foot, and the university is in the heart of the city retail and tourist areas. The Aircoach shuttle (www.aircoach.ie) runs 24/7 from outside the airport terminal, and provides a direct journey to the city centre and beyond, stopping beside Trinity College on Lower Grafton Street. Dublin Bus run a regular Airlink bus service from the airport to the city centre. There are also regular city buses which will take you from the airport to the city centre; these serve all bus stops, and will take longer. A taxi from the airport to the city centre will cost approximately €35 and takes about 30 minutes, although it may take longer depending on traffic. It can be advisable to get an estimate of the fare to your destination before you get in a taxi, and ask for a printed receipt when you pay.

Trinity College Dublin is recognised internationally as Ireland's premier university and as one of the world's leading research-intensive universities. Founded in 1592, it is the oldest university in Ireland and one of the older universities of Europe, with a vibrant international community of some 17,000 students, 92,000 alumni and 3,000 members of staff. It is situated in the centre of Dublin, with a 47 acre campus of cobbled squares, historic buildings and green playing fields alongside state-of-the-art modern facilities, including our summer school and conference venue: the Trinity Long Room Hub Research Institute for Arts and Humanities.

The Trinity Long Room Hub Institute takes its name from the iconic eighteenth-century Long Room of the Library at Trinity College, and is one of five flagship research institutes of the University. It is dedicated to promoting and facilitating innovative research across its seven member Schools. Since 2010, the institute's home is a signature building at the heart of the historic campus. Its prominent location aptly signifies the centrality of the Arts and Humanities for our university and for society, and makes it an ideal place for connecting academic research with a wider public.

Registration will commence at 8:30 am in the entrance lobby of the Trinity Long Room Hub, located on Fellows' Square.

Guest wifi passes are available at registration. You may also use the Eduroam network.

Eating and drinking

Lunch and coffee breaks are included in the programme. There are also many cafés located in the vicinity of the conference where you can buy a coffee or tea to go. There are water fountains in the adjacent Arts Building where you can fill up your water bottle, for example beside Staircase B on level 2 (just past the entrance to the Lecky Library). Beside our venue, situated on the level 1 of the Arts Building, you will find a coffee and snack bar. Vending machines are also available inside the Arts Building.

Visitor attractions on campus & visit to the Old Library.

There are many attractions open to visitors to Trinity College. Detailed visitor information can be found at www.tcd.ie/visitors. The Book of Kells is housed in the Old Library, just opposite our conference venue. Visitors enter through the Library Shop on Fellows' Square, and can visit the 'Turning Darkness into Light' exhibition, before viewing the Book of Kells and the magnificent Long Room which houses 200,000 of the College's oldest books. A free visit to the Book of Kells and the Old Library will be organised at the close of the conference, on Sunday 16 July.

Cloakroom

Space is available on the ground floor of the Trinity Long Room Hub for coats and bags, please ask for details at the reception desk. This area will be unattended during the conference, and the organisers take no responsibility for loss or damage to items. A staffed cloakroom is available on level 0 of the Arts Building (bottom of the stairs beside the Arts Café) where coats, bags and suitcases can be left with a cloakroom attendant for a small fee.

Just in case

The emergency numbers in Ireland are 112 or 999. There is a small medical centre on campus, and there are many doctors' surgeries located within walking distance of College. You must pay a fee to see a doctor or to attend the Accident & Emergency Department of a hospital. If a minor, non-urgent, medical matter arises, you can ask a pharmacist for advice. The closest pharmacists are Boots the Chemist, 12 Grafton Street, and Hickey's Pharmacy, 21 Grafton Street.

Visiting Dublin – some suggestions and useful information.

- Chester Beatty Library: One of the best small museums in the world, built to house the collection of Sir Alfred Chester Beatty. The museum's visiting times are 10am- 5pm (Saturday 11 am to 5pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm).
- Christchurch Cathedral: Opening hours for the cathedral are 9.30am-7pm (Sunday 12.30pm-2.30pm, 4.30pm - 7pm).
- St. Patrick Cathedral: Opening hours for the Cathedral are Monday to Friday 9.30- 5.00pm, Saturday 9.30-6pm (Sunday 9am – 10.30am, 12.30pm - 2.30 pm, 4.30pm - 6pm).

- GPO (Witness History Exhibition): The General Post Office on O'Connell Street hosts an exhibition on the 1916 Rebellion.
- National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin: Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm (Saturday & Sunday 10am – 6pm).
- Phoenix Park: Phoenix Park is one of the largest enclosed recreational spaces in Europe (707 hectares). Perfect location for a bike trip, to see the wild deer or go for a walk or run. Also the home of Dublin Zoo.
- Guinness Storehouse: Home of 'the black stuff', the Guinness Storehouse offers multilingual guided tours on the history and production of Guinness, open daily 9.30am – 7 pm (last entry 5pm).
- EPIC: the Irish Immigration Museum: Interactive museum open seven days a week, 10 am – 6.45pm, last entry at 5pm.