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**THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**OLOMOUC, 6–8 September 2017**

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This year's conference will be held at the Department of Asian Studies, Palacký University Olomouc.

**VENUE**

**Department of Asian Studies**, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc  
**Lecture Rooms KC-2.05 and KC-2.07**  
Křížkovského 14  
CZ-771 80 Olomouc  
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Ja5FQih2aJP2>

Lecture rooms will be equipped with beamers, laser pointers, computers with Windows OS, MS Office and pdf reader. We recommend you to have your presentation in ppt or pdf format, stored at your USB flash drive. We cannot guarantee the functionality of the Mac OS with our beamers. The WiFi access will be provided via Eduroam network, or by a WiFi guest account. Log-in information will be also given to you at the registration desk

**ABOUT THE CITY OF OLOMOUC**

Olomouc is the capital of the region of Central Moravia and belongs to the oldest cities in the Czech Republic. The region is distinguished for its agriculture, industry and beautiful countryside, as well as its historical and cultural traditions. The city dates back to the ninth century, when it was a power centre of the Great Moravian Kingdom, the oldest Slavonic state. Today Olomouc has over 100,000 inhabitants and its long history makes it one of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic, mainly due to its well preserved historical inner city (after Prague, second largest in the Czech Republic).

**ABOUT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC**

Olomouc is a charming historical university city situated in the eastern part of Czech Republic. Palacký University Olomouc is one of the oldest universities in Central Europe. Drawing on more than a 400-year tradition of higher education, it is nowadays an important centre for teaching and research with almost 23,000 undergraduate students in eight faculties. You can find more details about the city and the University on the following web pages: [www.upol.cz/en](http://www.upol.cz/en) and <http://tourism.olomouc.eu/welcome/en>.

**WEATHER**

Autumn is possibly the most enchanting season to be in Olomouc. When the students come back, September becomes a celebration; there's one festival after another; the parks, gardens and hills turn red, copper and gold; the ice hockey starts again and most of the castles, caves and other attractions in the countryside are open daily (except Monday) until the end of September, then on weekends until the end of October.

In September the weather in Czech Republic usually is nice and stable. Nevertheless, evenings tend to be cool. Rainy days are possible, too. Weather forecasts for Olomouc: [goo.gl/Waibou](http://goo.gl/Waibou)

## TRAVELLING TO OLOMOUC

The closest international airports are listed below, however the majority of international visitors arrives at the airport **in Prague or in Vienna**.

- Praha: [Václav Havel Airport](#) (280 km)
- Vienna: [Vienna International Airport](#) (260 km)
- Brno: [Airport Tuřany](#) (70 km)
- Ostrava: [Leoš Janáček Airport in Mošnov](#) (80 km)



### From Prague to Olomouc

The easiest way to get from the Václav Havel Airport Prague to the main train station (*Praha, hlavní nádraží*), is to take the [Airport Express](#) (AE) bus. AE Bus stops right in front of the arrival hall at the airport and terminates at the main train station. The ticket costs **CZK 60** and it can be purchased from the bus driver. The timetable can be viewed [here](#). There is also public transportation by bus and metro ([details](#)).

Trains are currently the fastest way to get to Olomouc from Prague, because of the ongoing reconstruction of the highway, busses could be quite delayed.

There is an option to choose between the state-run České dráhy (Czech Railways), or private-run RegioJet and Leo Express. However, purchased tickets from one company cannot be used for trains owned by the other two. Price for one-way ticket varies, but it is usually around CZK 200 for economy seating. The journey from Prague to Olomouc takes approximately 2,5 hours (for the Express, IC, EC, and SC trains). Tickets can be purchased online or at the train station.

### Timetable and online booking:

- České dráhy (Czech Railways): [www.cd.cz](http://www.cd.cz), tickets: <https://old.cd.cz/eshop/>
- RegioJet: [www.regiojet.cz/](http://www.regiojet.cz/)
- Leo Express: [www.le.cz](http://www.le.cz)

### From Vienna to Olomouc

There is a direct minibus connection by company Tiger Express (cooperating with Leo Express company), going from the Vienna Airport to Olomouc railway station three times a day for (prices vary from CZK 200 to CZK 599). You can book your seat [here](#).

You can also take the [RegioJet](#) yellow coach, which goes from the Vienna Airport via Brno to Olomouc main train station (6 times daily). The ticket costs around EUR 20.

We can also recommend express personal transport from/to airport by company *Přeprava na letiště* (<http://www.prepravanaletiste.cz/en/#uvod>) that offers comfortable cars for reasonable prices.

### Getting to Palacký University, Faculty of Arts and the University Art Centre

The route from Olomouc Main Train Station or the Olomouc Bus Terminal to Palacký University Olomouc, Faculty of Arts, can be viewed [here](#).

## TRAVELLING WITHIN OLOMOUC (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)

There is a dense network of public transportation in Olomouc, which includes busses and trams. Timetable can be viewed: <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/olomouc/spojeni/>.

Ticket can be purchased from vending machines and newspaper stands. It costs **CZK 14**, and is valid for 40 minutes during weekdays and 60 minutes during weekends and holidays. Ticket can be also purchased from the bus/tram driver, but the price is CZK 20. There is also an option to buy one-day ticket for CZK 46.

Ticket can be purchased via mobile phone with Czech number, just by sending text “DPMO” to 902 06 (ticket is valid for 50 minutes and costs CZK 18 plus fee for service provider).

#### **Ticket offices:**

- Main train station ČD, Mon–Fri: 5:00–19:00, Sun: 14:00–19:00
- Legionářská Street 1, Mon–Fri: 6:00–18:00, Sat: 7:00–12:00
  - <https://www.dpmo.cz/en/information-for-passengers/ticket-offices/>
- Price list: <https://www.dpmo.cz/en/information-for-passengers/tariff/>

## **STAYING IN OLOMOUC**

**The following hotels are all in walking distance or easy to reach by tram.**

Below there is a list of recommended accommodation in Olomouc, divided into three groups regarding the quality of accommodation and prices. All the places are conveniently located near the city center and not far from the faculty building. Rates for single bedroom vary from about 15 EUR per night up to 120 EUR.

Room availability and rates can be checked [here](#).

#### **Luxury category (80 – 120 EUR)**

- [NH Collection Olomouc Congress](#)\*\*\*\* 120 €
- [Theatre Hotel](#)\*\*\*\* 110 €
- [Theresian Hotel & Spa](#)\*\*\*\* 85 € (newly open)
- [Hotel Trinity](#)\*\*\*\* 80 €
- [Clarion Congress Hotel](#)\*\*\*\* 100 €
- [Hotel & Pension Arigone](#)\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* 80 €
- [Hotel Alley](#)\*\*\*\* 80 €
- [ibis Olomouc Centre Hotel](#)\*\*\* 80 €

#### **Standard category (40 – 80 EUR)**

- [Hotel Palác](#)\*\*\* 50–80 €
- [Pension Křivá](#)\*\*\*\* 60–80 €
- [Hotel v Ráji](#)\*\*\*\* 60–80 €
- [Pension Na Hradě](#)\*\*\*\* 60 €
- [Pension U Jakuba](#)\*\*\* 45–70 €
- [Pension Bellis](#)\*\*\* 40–60 €

#### **Low budget (15 – 30 EUR)**

- [Cosy Corner Hostel](#) 30 €
- [Ubytovna Marie](#) 15–20 €

#### **Apartments**

- [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)
- [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

## VISA

Czech Republic is part of Schengen. Visitors from outside Europe (e.g. from China) need to apply for a visa.

## CURRENCY

The Czech crown (koruna, CZK or Kč) is the official currency in the Czech Republic. The approximate exchange rate (as of March 10, 2017) is **27 CZK to a Euro** and **25,60 CZK to a US Dollar**.

CZK	EUR	USD
10	0,37	0,39
100	3,70	3,90
500	18,51	19,52
1000	37,01	39,05
2000	74,02	78,10

**Banks** ([map](#)) & **ATMS** ([map](#))

### Currency Exchange

- MIFIN s.r.o., Galerie Moritz, 8. května 465/24, 77900 Olomouc (open daily: 8:30–19:00, Sunday 9:00–19:00)
- TOURIST CENTRUM, s.r.o., Horní náměstí 409/26, 77900 Olomouc (working days: 8:00–18:00, Saturday 8:00–12:00)
- H.P.WORLD, s.r.o., Riegrova 11, 772 00 Olomouc, (open only working days: 8:30–18:00, Saturday: 8:30–12:00)
- At Olomouc main train station, Jeremenkova 23, 779 00 Olomouc (open daily: 00:00–02:00, 02:15–05:30, 06:20–11:00, 11:30–16:00, 16:15–17:20, 18:20–23:20, 23:50–24:00)
- UNNI, Galerie Šantovka, Polská 1, 779 00 Olomouc (open daily: 9:00–21:00)

## DINING IN OLOMOUC

Dining options in Olomouc can be found [here](#).

## INFORMATION CENTRES

### Palacký University Information Centre & Shop– UPoint

Dům U Černého psa, Horní náměstí 205/12, 779 00 Olomouc, open only working days: 9:00–18:00, (+420) 733 690 738, [upoint@upol.cz](mailto:upoint@upol.cz), [www.upoint.upol.cz](http://www.upoint.upol.cz)

### Olomouc City Information Centre

Horní náměstí (Upper Square), Town Hall's archway, 779 11 Olomouc, open daily 9:00–19:00, (+420) 585 513 385 or 392, [infocentrum@olomouc.eu](mailto:infocentrum@olomouc.eu), [info](#)

A wide range of souvenirs is on sale at the Information Centre. There are plenty to choose from, whether it is a small token of your visit or a travel souvenir for your loved ones.

- Olomoucké tvarůžky (smelly cheese) vending machine
- original commemorative coins, which you can mint by yourself
- model of the Holy Trinity Column
- dolls in traditional costumes of the Haná region
- glass and ceramic souvenirs: plates and cups with motives of the Town Hall and the Holy Hill, bells, thimbles, tumblers, etc.
- printed materials: books, publications, guides, maps, calendars, picture books, postcards, etc.
- DVDs: Olomouc in the spiral of time, UNESCO Monuments, Czech Republic

## SHOPPING IN THE CITY CENTRE

Shopping in large shopping centres is becoming ever more popular. In Olomouc, you can enjoy comfortable shopping in the charming town centre as well. On the Upper Square and its vicinity you will find shops offering traditional Czech products, quality food and modern clothing of famous brands. The varied range of goods and beautiful environment will surely satisfy you. Should you get tired from the shopping, you can relax at numerous cafes in the Olomouc town centre. Here you can enjoy a cup of coffee with a view of the historic treasures.

- Galerie Moritz, 8. května 24, Olomouc (city centre, [www.galeriemoritz.cz](http://www.galeriemoritz.cz))
- Galerie Šantovka, Polská 1, Olomouc (city centre, [www.galeriesantovka.cz](http://www.galeriesantovka.cz))
- Obchodní centrum Haná, Kafkova 8, Olomouc (tram no. 1, 4, 6, bus no. 16, [www.oc-hana.cz](http://www.oc-hana.cz))
- Olomouc City, Pražská 255/41, Olomouc (bus no. 27, [www.mojecity.cz](http://www.mojecity.cz))
- Olympia Olomouc, Olomoucká 90, Velký Týnec (free bus no. 60, [www.olympiaolomouc.cz](http://www.olympiaolomouc.cz))

## MOBILE PHONES

Czech mobile phone operators use both of the two standard European GSM bands, 1800 and 900 MHz. All European mobile phones will work without problems but visitors from the US may need a tri-band phone. The country calling code for the Czech Republic is +420. Major operators: Vodafone, Telefónica O2, T-Mobile.

## ELECTRICITY

Czech sockets are standard European sockets CEE 7/5, with a voltage of 230 V/50Hz. All visitors coming from countries using appliances/plugs that do not work with such sockets/voltages (e.g. USA, UK) are advised to bring adapters.

We look very much forward to seeing you all in Olomouc!

☺ Jarmila and Helena ☺

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