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Seminar Venue

The seminar will be held in seminar rooms of the University of Warsaw Old Library building and the Casimir Palace (No 1 & 20 on a map).



University of Warsaw Former Library building & Casimir Palace Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28

Look also >>> schematic map of Warsaw (please enlarge for a better view and print)

Transport information

By Plane

The easiest way to get to Warsaw is via Frederic Chopin International Airport which is about 10 km from the city centre (website: <u>http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/?lang=en</u>).

How to reach city centre from the Airport:

By Bus (this is the recommended route) - Bus 175 runs every 15 minutes directly to the city centre and the following hotels are on its route : *Novotel Warszawa Centrum* and *Sofitel Victoria Warszawa*.

Tickets can be bought at the Airport (newspaper kiosk) or on the bus. For a single trip you need a ticket (*bilet normalny* – 2,40 PLN, ca. 0.6 \in). It must be validated on board of the bus immediately after getting on. Alternatively you can get a 24-hour ticket (*bilet dobowy*) which is 7,20 PLN, ca. 1.9 \in and it must be validated only once on getting on to the first bus and can be used on unlimited number of rides on all means of public transport.

By train

This is another alternative. You arrive at the Central Railway Station (*Warszawa Centralna*), which is situated just in the city centre (website: <u>www.polrail.com</u>).

By car

from the south of Poland - roads 7 or 8 (Katowice, Kraków, Wrocław) from the west of Poland – road 2 (Poznań, Słubice) from the north of Poland – road 7 (Gdańsk) from the north-east of Poland – road 8 (Białystok, Suwałki) from the east of Poland – road 2 (Siedlce, Terespol)

By taxi

It is strongly advised to take a taxi from one of the recommended taxi corporations, which charge different price, eg: MPT tel. 9191 (day rate 2 PLN/km, ca.0.5 €), Sawa Taxi tel. 644 44 44 (2,2 PLN/km, ca. 0.6 €), Ele Taxi tel. 811 11 11 (2 PLN/km, ca. 0.5 €/km), Halo Taxi tel. 96 23 (1,80 PLN/km, ca. 0.5 €), Wawa Taxi tel. 96 44 (1,70 PLN/km, ca. 0.4 €). Night fares are on average 100% higher. The starting fare on the meter should be 5 - 6 PLN, ca. $1.3 - 1.6 \in$.

(Rates as of 6 September 2007, 1 $\in \approx$ 3,8 PLN)

Visa Requirements

On the website by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland you can check the visa requirements for non-EU citizens travelling to Poland. www.msz.gov.pl/VISA,REQUIREMENTS,2346.html

Useful links about Poland and Warsaw

POLAND: <u>www.poland.pl</u> www.culture.pl/en/culture

WARSAW: <u>www.warsawtour.pl</u> <u>http://e-warsaw.pl</u> <u>http://um.warszawa.pl</u>

UNIVERSITY: <u>www.uw.edu.pl</u> International Relations Office: <u>www.bwz.uw.edu.pl</u>

What to see in Warsaw

Note: Tours around Warsaw in **3 various options for your choice** are offered to you on 13th October 2007 by the PolandTour travel agency >> <u>more</u> (registration through the IRO only).

The Royal Castle – a former residence of kings of Poland and the place where the first Polish constitution was announced in 1791.

Royal Łazienki (Al. Ujazdowskie/Agrykola) - palace on the island and park complex, owes its shape to the last king of Poland, Stanisław August. It is the largest park in Warsaw, in the English style, placed next to the **Belvedere** building.

Wilanów - summer residence where king Jan Sobieski III used to return from his victorious battles. It is surrounded by a Baroque garden (30 minutes by bus from the City Centre).

Palace of Science and Culture (Defilad Square 1) – built in 1955 as a gift of Soviet Nation for Poland, nowadays used by museums, culture centres, cinemas and theatres. The Viewing Terrace on the 30^{th} floor.

The Frederick Chopin Museum at the Frederick Chopin Society in Warsaw (Ostrogski Castle, Okolnik 1) – The Museum's collection encompasses autographs by Chopin and also by persons of his milieu as well as various documents and memorabilia connected in direct or indirect way with the composer's personality and his work, such as portraits, posters, objects of personal use.

Warsaw Rising Museum (Grzybowska 79) - commemorates Warsaw Rising 1944