

CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Accommodation

The conference will be held at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Bedford Way - and for those who do not know it, it is a building literally on the corner of Bedford Way and Russell Square. This means that it is ideally suited in terms of getting there from a wide range of areas by both bus and tube. Russell Square tube is on the Piccadilly line, making Kings Cross, Paddington, Victoria, Bayswater and Earls Court, for instance, good venues to stay if you are looking for budget accommodation a bit further out. A number of buses also pass through, and the London Transport website provides a good resource for identifying ways of travel - or ask one of the conference organisers if you need further help! Judith Rowbotham is a bit of a transport 'nerd'.. (sad, but true).

In terms of accommodation, the realities of London means that it is better that you book your own accommodation and seek to get a good deal that way, rather than our trying to get a good group deal! That in London tends to be impractical. We also know that there will be a range of budgetary possibilities, rather than us trying to fit in with your budget - and we know that many of you will be seeking to make it as cheap as you possibly can, within reason!! There are hotels around the Bloomsbury area, notably the Imperial Hotels group, which offer decent hotel accommodation. In the Imperial Group, there is the County Hotel at £42 per night (but NO en-suite), the Tavistock is £64 per night with bathrooms. The Royal National, Bedford, Imperial and President are in the £70-£76 range. They constitute the best value in the area.

For the Imperial Hotels Group, see: Cheap hotels - www.imperialhotels.co.uk

However, there are other, slightly and even (if you do not mind hostel accommodation) much cheaper options!

If you need to keep the costs down significantly, look at:
www.londonnet.co.uk/ln/guide/resources/hotel-cheap

The London Generator (www.londonnet.co.uk/accommodations/hostels/generator-hostel or www.generatorhostels.com/en/london) is the nearest to IALS, but being fashionable, is also the priciest option for hostel - being around £22.50 at the moment per person per night in a four bedder! Cheaper ones are available further out....but factor in the price of travel, in that case, see: www.londonnet.co.uk/ln/guide/accomm/london_hostels.php

If you want to look slightly more upmarket, or a slightly better (and not usually shared!) deal, try: <http://www.londonnet.co.uk/ln/guide/resources/hotel-shop-budget.html>
Again, factor in travel costs, though.

International Travel

From the Airports

Travelling from Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton or Stansted airports into central London can be horribly expensive - or very manageable!

Go to the Heathrow Airport website: <http://www.heathrow-airport-guide.co.uk/transport.html>

Go to the Gatwick airport website: <http://www.gatwick-airport-guide.co.uk/transport.html>

Got to the Luton airport website: <http://www.luton-airport-guide.co.uk/transport.html>

Go to the Stansted airport website: <http://www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk/transport.html>

For Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, the Easy Bus service is viable:

<http://www.easybus.co.uk/gb/bookGB.php?ReferURL=002&gclid=CPCu10XMkJgCFc0e3godiR1Mmg>

From any venue, buses are, it has to be said, a very economic option though they are not the speediest one.

In terms of taxis, the worst option is to get an ordinary black cab! If you do want to use a cab, it is better to book one of the firms such as Just Airports

(<http://www.justairports.com/onlinebook.htm>) or Airport Cars

(<http://www.ukairportcars.co.uk/?gclid=COCv7NXLkJgCFUsa3godNDP0IA>). Especially if several are arriving on the same flights, that can be a very economic option.

By Eurostar

You will arrive at St Pancras International - which is a short distance from IALS, though not really walkable if you have luggage! Taxis are available, but also there are buses and the tube (Piccadilly line to Russell Square, if you are going to IALS directly) which take you wherever you need to go. The main buses are on Euston Road, which runs outside the tube entrance to the station, so you will need to walk towards the front of the magnificent old building!

Travel In London

For those of you not used to travelling in London, we strongly advise getting a pay-as-you-go Oyster card, for even a short trip such as this - when you arrive in London, any tube station will sell you one - for use on either buses or tubes, or both - it means that a maximum travel cost per day using only buses is £3.00 currently (there may be a slight price rise in the New Year) and £5.30 off peak for zones 1 and 2 to include the tube. What it does mean is that where you can take a bus, it is cheaper. Buses direct to Russell Square include the No 7, the 91, the 59, the 188. Nearby are the routes of the 73, 390, 14, 19, 24, 29, 134 to mention just a few. Also relatively nearby are Euston Square, Holborn, Tottenham Court Road, Goodge Street and Warren Street stations. Transport for London Website, see: www.tfl.gov.uk/

Location of IALS

Address: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR, Tel: 020 7862 5800.

Location Map: <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/GettingToIALS.htm>

The IALS is a 1970s concrete and glass building, located on the north side of Russell Square on the corner of Bedford Way (not to be confused with Bedford Place). Access to IALS is via flight of steps just inside Bedford Way.