

Joining Instructions and Welcome Guide - EuroCIM2019 in Bremen, Germany

Venue

- EuroCIM2019 takes place on the central campus of the University of Bremen, specifically in the HS building (on some maps, this is shown as “Keksdose”).
- The registration desk and some of the lectures will be in the GW2 building next to the HS building.
- For a map of the campus, please see: <https://eurocim2019.bips.eu/venue.html>

Registration

- The registration desk will be in the foyer of the GW2 building next to the HS building where the main sessions take place.
- Please make sure to register, and wear your name badge throughout the conference.
- On the first and last day of the meeting, we have (limited) capacity to look after your luggage. We recommend, if at all possible, that you leave your luggage with your hotel. There are also lockers in the trains station (cost: 4€ in coins).

Lecture rooms

- The main lecture room is the downstairs lecture theatre in the HS building (“Keksdose”).
- Room 3009 of the GW2 building will be used on Tuesday for Course B, as well as on Thursday afternoon for the parallel sessions.
- Due to the unexpected popularity of EuroCIM2019, the lecture theatre will be crowded – *please use all seats and do not leave gaps!*

Meals

- During the **coffee breaks**, refreshments will be served in the foyer of the GW2 building.
- **All lunches** (Tue-Fri) will be served in the University canteen (“Mensa”) a short walk along the pedestrian walkway. In the large canteen hall there will be an area on the lake side cordoned off for EuroCIM participants. The kitchen closes at 2pm.
- **Lunch vouchers:** your registration includes lunch vouchers entitling you to a main dish / salad plate, one side dish or dessert, and one drink in the University canteen (“Mensa”). If the main dishes do not satisfy your dietary requirements you can take 3 side dishes instead.
- **Menu:** the canteen only advertises the menu in German - we will provide an English translation of the menu at the registration desk. Please be patient with Mensa staff whose English skills may be weak.
- **Reception:** With the poster session on Wednesday evening (5:10-7pm) there will be drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and snacks. This takes place in the foyer of the GW2 building.
- **Conference dinner:** If you have booked the conference dinner, please arrive between 7-7:30pm at “Emma am See” on Thursday evening. This is a 40 min walk (3km) from the conference venue along and through a park (“Bürgerpark”). For those who want to walk, we will gather at 6:30 pm in front of the 7Things Hotel and walk from there. Alternatively you can take the tram 6 (to H.H.Meier Allee) or bus 22 (to Crüsemannallee), which reduces the walk to approximately 10 minutes.
The conference dinner includes starter, main and dessert plus two drinks. Additional drinks will be at your own expenses.
- On Tuesdays and Thursday from around 11am, there is a **Barista Coffee van** at the tram station “Uni Zentralbereich” serving **fresh espresso-style coffees**. We highly recommend this – it is the best coffee in Bremen! You need to pay cash.

WiFi (WLAN)

The university provides internet connection via *eduroam*. If you have no eduroam account you can obtain a university guest account from the conference registration desk.

Paperless conference

We are aiming for a nearly paperless conference. We will have a few copies of the printed program guide available, but we strongly encourage participants to consult electronic copies whenever possible, or to bring their own printed copy with them.

Power outlets

For health and safety reasons, we are unable to provide additional power cords or outlets in any of the conference rooms, which means it is unlikely that you will be able to charge your laptop or other electronic devices in any of the conference sessions. Please plan accordingly, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Transportation

Arrival in Bremen and getting to the conference

For those of you who are flying or taking the train to Bremen, we recommend that you take the Number 6 tram to “Universität.” The stop “Universität/ Zentralbereich” is the stop closest to the conference location. *Make sure to buy a tram ticket – see below!*

If you travel by train via Hamburg, please note that we strongly recommend taking the Metronom train instead of the IC/EC/ICE trains, especially for the return journey. The IC/EC/ICE trains are frequently delayed by 60 minutes or more. The Metronom train is less expensive, and much more reliable. See <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>.

There are taxi ranks outside the airport and the train station. For those with smart phones, the myTaxi app can be used to order a taxi without calling. For those who prefer to call, the telephone numbers for various taxi companies are:

(Taxi-Ruf Bremen +49 421 14014; Taxi Roland +49 421 14433)

Taxi ride fares will vary depending on your exact pickup and dropoff locations. However, most rides will cost between 15-40 Euros. A ride from the airport to the University of Bremen campus will be approximately 30-45 Euros depending on traffic. You can get an estimate of how much the fare might be by entering information on this website:

<https://www.bettertaxi.com/taxi-fare-calculator/bremen/>

Trams – <https://www.bsag.de/en>

Bremen has a good tram system that connects most of the city. The Number 6 tram is the most relevant for EuroCIM2019, since it connects the airport, the city center, the train station (“Hauptbahnhof”) and the University of Bremen. For convenience, we have included a map of the Number 6 line at the end of this document. During week-days there are trams every 6-10 minutes.

A one-way fare is 2.80€, and this must be paid upon entering the tram at a machine located near the front of the tram (usually next to the second door from the front). You can also buy tram tickets from the machines at the train station. While several trams have newer payment systems that accept debit or credit cards, it is strongly recommended that you plan to pay with cash or coins because the

older system does not accept cards. For those who plan on making many trips during the day or during the conference, a daily pass is available for 8.10€ and a weekly pass is available for 23.40€.

It is very important to pay the fare as soon as possible after entering the tram, even if you see other passengers taking their seats without paying (this is because they have likely purchased a pass). The company that runs the tram employs conductors that randomly board the tram and check that everyone has either bought a ticket or has a valid tram pass. ***If you fail to show a valid ticket, you will receive a fine of 60€ and may be criminally prosecuted*** (riding without a ticket is a crime in Germany).

Food options near the conference venue

Haus am Walde (Kuhgrabenweg 2).

Located a short walk from the University of Bremen's campus, Haus am Walde offers a wide variety of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options that are reasonably priced. There is also a café on site. Their menu options change frequently, but PDFs of their current offerings can be found on their website at <http://hausamwalde-bremen.de/> (German only).

Universum

Located next to the Atlantic Hotel and a short walk from the University of Bremen's campus, the Universum is a science museum that also has a café and restaurant. More information can be found on their website at <https://universum-bremen.de/gastronomy-in-the-universum/?lang=en>.

ALDI and Aleco Bio-Supermarkt (Enrique-Schmidt Str. 1)

There are two grocery stores located adjacent to the University of Bremen campus. The ALDI is a good option for general snacks and food, while the Aleco specializes in organic food options.

Café Unique (Enrique-Schmidt Str. 7)

This café is located on the University of Bremen's campus and quite close to where the EuroCIM2019 activities take place. It offers a variety of breakfast and lunch options in a traditional restaurant-style atmosphere.

Behrens & Meyer Bäckerei & Café (Enrique-Schmidt Str. 2)

This is a bakery and cafe that is good for a quick "grab and go" breakfast or lunch.

Zum Platzhirsch (Kuhgrabenweg 30)

Zum Platzhirsch („To the Top Dog“) is a Bavarian-style restaurant located north of the University of Bremen's campus (approximately 15-20 minute walk). More information can be found on its website <https://restaurant-zum-platzhirsch.de/>

Food options in city centre

Bremer Ratskeller (Am Markt 1)

Traditional German restaurant with a large wine selection located in the historic Town Hall. <http://www.ratskeller-bremen.de/>

Kaffeemühle (Am Wall 212)

Restaurant, Café & Bistro with international cuisine. <http://www.muehle-bremen.de/>

Topaz (Langenstraße 2-4)

Small (and a bit more expensive) but very good restaurant / wine bar.

<https://topaz-bremen.de/>

Local attractions – <https://www.bremen-tourism.de/>

Bremen has a number of historical and cultural attractions throughout the city, but the highest concentration is around the city center and the tram stop “Domsheide.” Several trams, including the Number 6 tram line, go through this stop. There, you can see the following attractions:

1. “Bremen Town Musicians.” Based on the animals in the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Bremen is the statue of the “Bremen Town Musicians.”
2. Roland statue. Close to the Bremen Town Musicians statue is the Roland statue. Bremen was historically a member of the Hanseatic League, which was a merchant-led coalition that stretched from Northern Germany into Central Europe from the 12th until the 15th century. The Roland statue was erected in 1404 as a symbol of the trading rights and freedoms that the Hanseatic League offered. In 2004, the statue was deemed a UNESCO World Heritage landmark.
3. Bremen Rathaus. Directly across from the Roland statue is the Bremen Rathaus (Town Hall). Widely admired for its architectural beauty, it has been a staple of the Bremen city center since the early 1400s. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
4. Saint Peter’s Cathedral. This is the “Dom” (Cathedral) in “Domsheide.” Not to be confused with its more famous cousin in the Vatican, Saint Peter’s Cathedral is a former Catholic cathedral that now belongs to the Protestant Bremen Evangelical Church. It is one of the oldest Protestant churches in Bremen, and an architectural masterpiece. There are also mummies in the basement, but you’ll have to visit to learn more.
5. The Schnoor and Böttcherstrasse. The Schnoor is the oldest shopping area of Bremen, with preserved architecture from the 15th and 16th centuries. Here, you will find narrow roads and small shops selling a variety of goods, including Bremen souvenirs. Similarly, the Böttcherstrasse is another shopping area of Bremen with an interesting history. Located near the Schnoor, the Böttcherstrasse is a narrow street lined with bars, cafes, restaurants, and shops. At one point, Ludwig Roselius (the inventor of decaffeinated coffee) owned all of the real estate on the street, which allowed him to transform it into a marvel of art deco architecture. One of the more popular attractions on the street is the Glockenspiel house, which chimes 3 times/day and displays elaborate wood carvings of historical figures.



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