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## 2nd Conference of the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies:

*“Advancing and sharing knowledge for a better Programme of Cultural Routes”*

Lugano, 12-13 November 2026

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### Venue

The conference will be held at USI – Università della Svizzera italiana, in Lugano, Switzerland.

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| <b>Venue</b>   | The opening session, roundtable, lunches, and poster presentations will take place in the Aula Magna. Parallel sessions may be held in other rooms across campus; exact locations to be confirmed. |
| <b>Address</b> | Aula Magna: Via Buffi 13, 6900, Lugano, Svizzera (USI West Campus)                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Map</b>     | <a href="#">Google Maps</a>                                                                                                                                                                        |

#### How to Get There

##### **By train**

Lugano can be reached from many cities in the northern and southern Europe by direct day or night train connections. To travel to Lugano you can visit the website of [SBB](#) to check train and bus schedules and book tickets.

From the [Lugano railway station](#), you can reach USI by bus, on foot or by bike:

- **By bus** [Bus TPL Line 6, direction Cornaredo](#). Step off at the *Università* stop. Travel time: around 8-10 minutes ride in normal traffic conditions. Other lines that stop at *Università*: [Bus TPL Line 5](#), [Bus ARL Line 461](#)
- **On foot** [See route on map](#) (possibility to take the funicular from inside the station towards the city centre). Travel time: approximately 20 minutes.
- **By bike** Bikesharing: [Publibike FFS](#) – USI Travel time: approximately 6 minutes.

##### **By plane**

- **Arriving from Milano-Malpensa Airport** Milano-Malpensa airport is about 70 km from Lugano. From the airport it is possible to reach Lugano by train via the TILO S50 line, direct from Milano Malpensa to Lugano train station.
- **Arriving from Zürich Airport** Zürich airport is about 220 km from Lugano. From the airport it is possible to reach Lugano by train, via the IC81 (from Zürich Airport to Zürich HB) and then the IC2 (from Zürich HB to Lugano railway station); or via the IR75 (from Zürich Airport to Zürich HB) and then the EC (from Zürich HB to Lugano railway station).

## By car

A2 highway: take the Lugano Nord exit. Parking near USI:

- Campus Ovest car park ([access by Viale Cassarate](#))
- Ospedale Italiano Car park ([access by Via agli Orti](#))
- Public parking in Via Buffi (white zone)
- [Parking spaces with charging stations for electric vehicles \(Via Buffi\)](#)

## By bus

The Flixbus [Lugano Stop](#) is 10 min from USI (by bus). Find more information [here](#).

## Accommodation Recommendations

Below you can find a short list of hotels relatively close to the university, where we were able to negotiate slight discounts for conference participants

The number of discounted rooms is limited, and discounted prices are available only if the booking is made before October 1st (directly with the hotel).

**When booking, please provide the code “COECR” to receive the discount.**

| Hotel                      | Address                                  | Email                     | Website                                                                       |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>City Lugano ****</b>    | Via G. Bagutti 4,<br>6900 Lugano         | city@hotelcitylugano.ch   | <a href="http://hotelcitylugano.ch">hotelcitylugano.ch</a>                    |
| <b>Lido Seegarten ****</b> | Viale Castagnola 24,<br>6900 Lugano      | info@hotellido-lugano.com | <a href="http://hotellido-lugano.com">hotellido-lugano.com</a>                |
| <b>Pestalozzi</b>          | Piazza<br>Indipendenza 9,<br>6900 lugano | info@pestalozzi-lugano.ch | <a href="http://www.pestalozzi-lugano.ch">http://www.pestalozzi-lugano.ch</a> |
| <b>Ceresio ***</b>         | Via S. Balestra 19,<br>6900 Lugano       | info@hotelceresio.ch      | <a href="http://hotelceresio.ch">hotelceresio.ch</a>                          |

## How to Register, Funding & Fees

As a contribution towards the cost of the event, we ask for a **registration fee of CHF 120.-**, which includes 3 coffee breaks, two standing lunches, the gala dinner (12.11), and a visit to the Fortress of Bellinzona (UNESCO World Heritage Site) (13.11). The amount is not reimbursable and not negotiable.

The registration and payment platform will be available soon.

## Explore the Region

### The Ticino Ticket

If you stay in one of the 500+ partner accommodations in Ticino (hotels, hostels, campsites), you get the [Ticino Ticket](#), giving free public transport for your stay plus discounts at partner attractions.