

Key Info

Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre - [Website](#) and [Map](#)

Conference Venue: Harnack House - [Website](#) and [Map](#)

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Conference Venue

The conference venue is located at [Harnack House, Ihnestr. 16-20 - 14195 Berlin, Germany](#).

The conference venue website can be found [here](#). Images and floorplans for the venue can be found [here](#) and [here](#). There are several accessible bathrooms, and elevators to most rooms used at the event.

We strive to make OpenCon as welcoming and inclusive as possible for everyone. At the venue will we provide:

- Lanyards designating those who prefer not to be photographed
- Gender-neutral bathrooms
- Gender pronoun ribbons
- Quiet room for prayer and meditation
- A maternity room
- A supply of painkillers, feminine hygiene products, and first aid supplies incase you need them

Please inform us if there are other ways we can accommodate you during your time at OpenCon.

Conference Hotel

The conference hotel for OpenCon is the [Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre](#) located at [Stresemannstrasse 49, Berlin 10963, Germany](#). Hotel rooms have already been reserved and assigned for all participants receiving a travel scholarship. All rooms booked for scholarship recipients will be double occupancy unless arrangements otherwise have been made with the organizers. If you have concerns about your accommodations for OpenCon, please email Nicole [at] Sparcopen [dot] org.

The hotel provides breakfast and has free Wifi. Check in is at 3pm, and checkout is 12pm. Their phone number is +49 30 200520.

All entrances/doorways have extra big doors at ground level. Elevators are available. The number of accessible rooms are limited, so please request these if needed.

Getting to the Conference Hotel

Attendees will need to find their own way from the airport to the conference hotel. Detailed instructions to do this are below. The airport has free wifi on a network called "_Free Airport Wifi".

Tegel (TXL) to the Hotel

- Exit the airport near Terminal A Gate 15.
- Purchase a Berlin AB fare ticket at one of the two machines in front of the bus. A ticket will cost 2.80€.
- Get on the TXL airport bus and stay on for 9 stops (~30 minutes). Be sure to validate your ticket before travelling.
- Get off at Brandenburger Tor. Change trains to the S-Bahn number 1, 2, or 25 (southbound) for 2 stops.
- Get off at "Anhalter Bahnhof" and exit the station.
- Head southeast on Stresemannstraße toward Askanischer Pl. Walk for 300 meters towards the Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre located at Stresemannstrasse 49.

Schönefeld (SXF) to the Hotel

- Once you arrive at the airport follow the green signs indicating "S-Bahn".
- Purchase a Berlin AB fare ticket. A ticket will cost 2.80€.
- Get on the S-Bahn number 45 (S45) (~35 minutes). Be sure to validate your ticket before traveling.
- Get off at "Schöneberg." Change trains and get on the S1 towards Oranienburg (northbound) for 3 stops.
- Get off at "Anhalter Bahnhof" and exit the station.
- Head southeast on Stresemannstraße toward Askanischer Pl. Walk for 300 meters towards the Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre located at Stresemannstrasse 49.

Train Station (Hauptbahnhof) to the Hotel

By Bus: Walk to the "S+U Berlin Hauptbahnhof" Bus Stop with signs for the M41 Bus in the direction of Sonnenallee / Baumschulenstr. Ride 5 stops to the "Berlin, Willy-Brandt-Haus

Stop" (about 12 minutes). Walk Northwest, back along Stresemannstrasse for less than a block (about 3 minutes) to the hotel.

By S-Bahn (Metro): Find the "S+U Berlin Hauptbahnhof" S-Bahn Station (at Ella-Trebe-Strasse). Wait for any S3 or S5 or S7 train in the direction of Ostkreuz. Ride 1 stop to "S+U Friedrichstr. Bahnhof" (about 2 minutes). Change platforms and wait for any S1 or S2 or S25 train in the direction of S. Teltow Stadt, S. Marienfelde. Ride 3 stops to "S. Anhalter Bahnhof" (about 6 minutes). Exit the station using the "Askanischer Platz / Stresemannstrasse" Exit. Walk Southeast along Stresemannstrasse for about 5 minutes to the hotel."

Getting to the Conference Venue

The Harnack Haus is located at Ihnestraße 16-20.

From the Conference Hotel

Participants staying at the conference hotel will be led in groups on the Metro to conference venue in the mornings. Groups will be arranged by Sched.

If you have your hotel or flight paid for by OpenCon, we'll provide you with tickets. If you self-funded either of these you'll need to buy your own tickets. You can buy the tickets at any S-bahn or U-bahn stop, as well as from the bus-driver and in most of the trams. A day-ticket is 7 €.

Leave the hotel for the next S-Bahn stop called U Möckernbrücke. Take the U7 towards Rathaus Spandau and get out after 7 stops (about 10 minutes) at U - Bhf Fehrbelliner Platz. Transfer to the U3 heading towards U Krumme Lanke. Get out after another 6 stops (about 10 minutes) at Freie Universität (Thielplatz). Exit the station and walk south on Brümmerstraße for about 3 minutes. The Harnack Haus is ahead at Ihnestraße 16-20.

If you have mobility needs that would prevent you from walking moderate distances (a few blocks) or taking stairs, the organizers will provide a taxi to and from official conference venues. This can be requested when you register, or after by emailing opencon@sparcopen.org. Please let us know as soon as possible to ensure we can plan ahead.

From Tegel Airport (TXL) (18 km)

Use bus 109 towards Zoologischer Garten. Change at Jakob-Kaiser-Platz for underground line U7 towards Rudow to Fehrbelliner Platz. There change for underground line U3 towards Krumme Lanke to the station Freie Universität (Thielplatz). Leave the underground station

by walking to the direction of travel and by using the left exit. The Harnack House is 100 meters away on the right side.

From Schönefeld Airport (SXF) (25 km)

Take bus 171 to underground station Rudow. There change for underground line U7 towards Rathaus Spandau to Fehrbelliner Platz. Then change for underground line U3 towards Krumme Lanke to the station Freie Universität (Thielplatz). Leave the underground station by walking to the direction of travel and by using the left exit. The Harnack House is 100 meters away on the right side.

From Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) (15 km)

Take the S-Bahn city train S7 towards Potsdam Hauptbahnhof to Zoologischer Garten. There change for underground line U9 towards Rathaus Steglitz to Spichernstraße. Then change for underground line U3 towards Krumme Lanke to the station Freie Universität (Thielplatz). Leave the underground station by walking to the direction of travel and by using the left exit. The Harnack House is 100 meters away on the right side.

Parking: There will be parking available at the venue. No reservation is required.

Food

Catering during the conference will take into account dietary restrictions. If you indicated a dietary restriction during the OpenCon registration process, your needs will be accommodated.

Evening meals and other food outside the conference will be on your own. We have put together a map with restaurants around the conference hotel. More affordable restaurants are marked in green (EUR 5-15), and more expensive ones (EUR 15-30) are marked in red. Grocery stores and pharmacies are also marked. The hotel is marked in black.

Emergencies and support

Please don't hesitate to contact us, or any of the listed numbers, in case of an emergency during any part of your OpenCon experience (including traveling to & from Berlin)

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- Police: 110
- Medical Emergency/ Fire brigade 112 (no prefix needed for either)
- Law-related emergencies: (0049172) 3255553
- Drugs/Intoxication emergencies: (004930) 19237
- Psychiatric emergencies: (004930) 3222020
- Dentist emergency: (004930) 89004333
- Rape Crisis and Counselling Centre: (004930) 216 88 88
- Non-emergency medical issues: (004930) 310031

Got Questions?

We want to ensure attendees have their questions answered before OpenCon, and can arrive prepared, relaxed and comfortable. If you have any other questions, please send opencon@sparcopen.org a message, we'd love to hear from you.