

FoPSS 2019

Local Information

1. Important places

The three important places described below are marked on the map shown here and available online at <https://bit.ly/2m28ewl> :



A. Accommodation

Accommodation for school participants has been booked, for arrival on Sep. 9 and departure on Sep. 16, at Hotel Logos:

Hotel Logos
Wybrzeże Kościuszkowskie 31/33
00-379 Warsaw



Every participant will stay in a single room with a bathroom, breakfast included. WiFi is available in the hotel free of charge. Your stay has already been paid for.

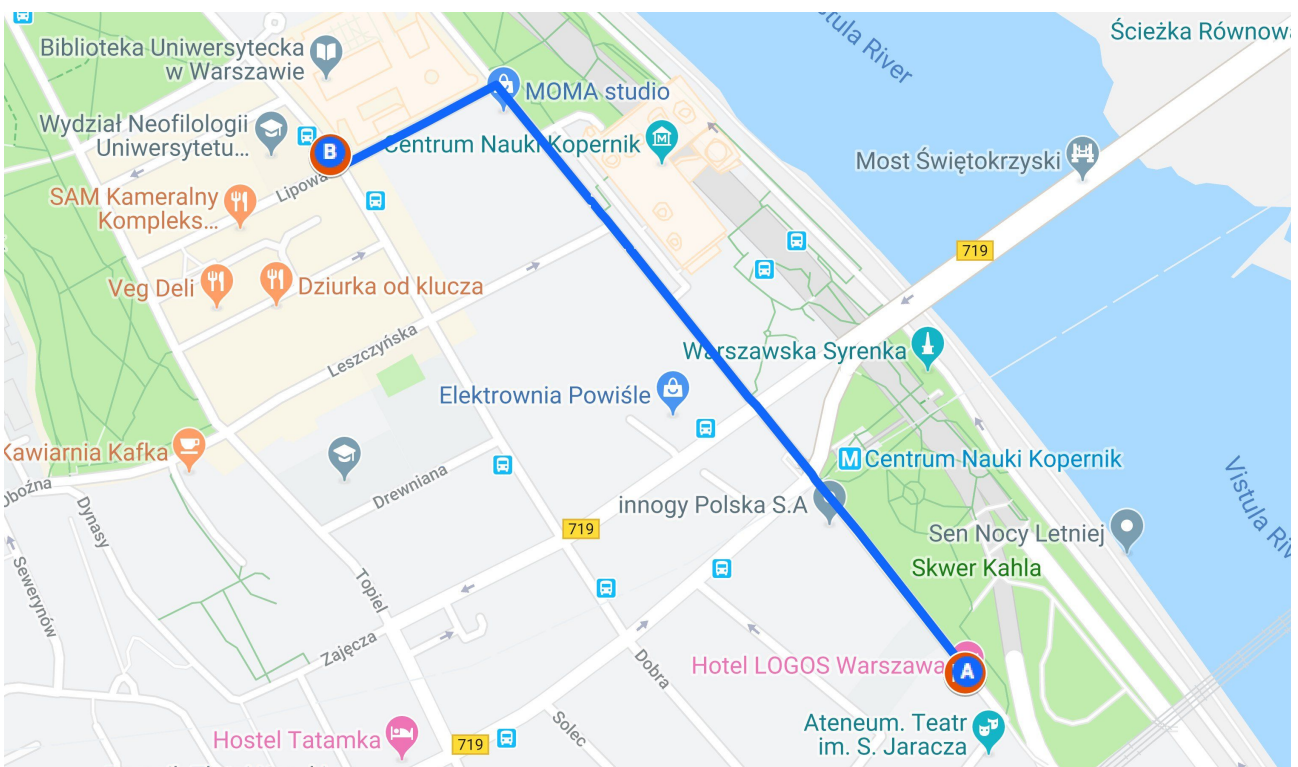
The hotel has a list of names of all participants; to check in it should be enough to give your name at the reception desk on the ground floor. If in doubt, you may refer to the reservation made by the University of Warsaw for participants of FoPSS'19.

B. School venue

All lectures will take place in Room 256 of the New University Library:

Warsaw University Library
Dobra 56/66
00-312 Warsaw

The Library is a 10 minute walk (approx. 600m) away from the hotel. The most convenient route is marked on the map below, also available online at <https://bit.ly/2m28ewl>.



The main entrance to the Library looks like this:



After entering the building, turn right towards a glass door with a wide staircase behind it. Library cards are normally checked at that point, but the guards will let you in if you tell them that you come for the FoPSS conference. Do not go up the stairs on your first visit; you might get lost among the bookshelves. It is much easier to take the elevator (on your left) to the 2nd floor. The lecture room (Room 256) will be right there on your left.

We will put out some signs to help you find your way to the lecture room.

Lunches and coffee breaks will be served next to the lecture room.

C. Social outing

On the first evening of the school (Sep. 10), to get acquainted quickly, we will go together to have some food and beer in the BroWarmia restaurant/microbrewery:

BroWarmia
Królewska 1
00-065 Warszawa

We will arrange a group walking from the hotel to the restaurant.

2. Arrival to Warsaw

Most likely, you will be interested in the easiest way to go from an airport to the school hotel. Warsaw is served by two international airports:

2.1. Warsaw Chopin Airport

You can, of course, take a taxi (there is a stand right in front of the terminal building) directly to the hotel. (Have the address of the hotel printed, as the street name is impossible to pronounce for a foreigner.) The trip should cost you about 45PLN (approx. 10EUR). But where's the adventure in that?

Using public transport will be much cheaper and only a little more complicated. From the bus stop outside of the terminal building, take bus No. 175 (direction: "Pl. Piłsudskiego") and take off at the "Ordynacka" stop (this journey will take you about 40 mins.). From the bus stop, head forward to the street crossing, and find the "Nowy Świat - Uniwersytet" metro station. Take the metro in the direction "Dworzec Wileński" and get off after one stop, at the "Centrum Nauki Kopernik" station. Look around you; the hotel is not far away and you should see the large letters "ZNP" on its roof.

(See Section 3 for information on using public transportation in Warsaw)

2.2. Warsaw-Modlin Airport

This airport is served by Ryanair flights. It is rather remote, and taking a taxi from there will cost you up to 200PLN (approx. 50EUR). Instead, you may use the "Modlin bus" service (<http://www.modlinbus.com>). These buses depart outside of the terminal building, and arrive at the central square of the communist-era centre of the city, next to the huge "Palace of Culture" building.

From there, walk to the northeastern corner of the (large!) square and locate the "Świętokrzyska" metro station. Take line M2 in the direction "Dworzec Wileński" and get off after two stops, at the "Centrum Nauki Kopernik" station. Look around you; the hotel is not far away and you should see the large letters "ZNP" on its roof.

3. Moving around Warsaw

Warsaw has two metro lines, an extensive network of buses and a (less extensive) network of tram lines. All these use the same ticketing system. Ticket vending machines can be found at all metro stations (look for red or blue machines) and on most buses (look for red or yellow machines). The bus stop in front of the terminal building at the Warsaw Chopin Airport also has a ticket vending machine.

The most common type of ticket is a single-use ticket valid throughout the network for 75 minutes after validation (transfers allowed). This is more than enough for any trip that you may want to take. This ticket costs 4.40PLN (approx. 1EUR). For shorter trips, a 20-minute ticket (transfers allowed) makes sense; it costs 3.40PLN.

A ticket bought at a bus stop or at a metro station must be validated when crossing the metro entrance gate, or in a small validation machine on a bus. Tickets purchased onboard a bus are already validated.

If you are into cycling, Warsaw has a rather convenient system of city bikes. Look up <https://www.veturilo.waw.pl/en/> to see how it works. The city is also littered with Lime electric scooters to rent (check <https://v1.li.me> to see how that works). Before you use any of these, make sure that your travel insurance covers it :-)

Having said that, most tourist attractions in Warsaw are located in the Old Town and around the so-called Royal Route, and the most convenient way to access these from the FoPSS'19 venue is on foot. Just explore!

4. Safety

The centre of Warsaw is generally safe and you should not experience any discomfort there, even when moving alone after dark. It is a big city though, and some standard level of caution is advisable. You might wish to be aware of your surroundings on the bus No. 175 from Warsaw Chopin Airport to the centre, as some pickpocket activity has been reported there.