

ARGUMENTATION 2023 SURVIVAL GUIDE

VENUE

The conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, Veveří 70 (consult the map).

The Faculty of Law being one of the four initial faculties of Masaryk University, founded 1919, has a rich and fruitful history and belongs to the most progressive faculties of law in the Czech Republic. It is situated in a distinctive brick-red building very close to the centre of the city of Brno, with easy accessibility via public transport (the closest tram stop is Rybkova or Nerudova).

ACCOMMODATION

As far as accommodation is concerned, one of the options available is the Hotel Continental. For the conference participants, accommodation in this hotel is offered at a better price than the commercial price (for a standard single room it should be about 1.600 CZK / 70 EUR per night), and the hotel is located relatively close to the faculty. However, it is necessary to contact the hotel directly, e.g., via e-mail (info@continentalbrno.cz) or telephone (+420 541 519 609) and inform them that you are attending a conference at Masaryk University Faculty of Law, which should secure a better price.

In addition, Brno of course offers a much wider range of accommodation options. Individual accommodation can be found for example through the Booking platform. If you need any help in arranging or communicating with the accommodation provider, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee.

TRANSPORTS AND DIRECTIONS

GENERAL

The main site for route planning using public transport in the Czech Republic is IDOS, but Google maps also works well.

If you need clarification or help with organising your trip, please contact anyone on the organising committee or you can contact us all at argumentation@law.muni.cz.

ARRIVING TO BRNO (BY PLANE)

Brno has its own airport, but unfortunately not so many planes fly here. However, there are several easily accessible airports near Brno – In particular, we can recommend flying to Vienna Airport. There are frequent direct flights from here and you can get to the centre of Brno in about 2 hours. Alternatively, there is also the option of flying into Prague or Bratislava airport, but the connection to Brno from these airports is not very convenient.

FROM BRNO AIRPORT TO BRNO CITY CENTRE (MAIN TRAIN STATION – HLAVNÍ NÁDRAŽÍ)

- by Taxi – duration of journey about 15 minutes, total price around CZK 500,-
- by bus No. E76 – goes every 30 minutes, duration approx. 18 minutes, first bus departs at 5:06, last bus departs at 22:36 p.m., stops at Main Train Station (at night the night line N89 runs about every hour).

FROM VIENNA AIRPORT TO BRNO

- from Vienna Airport to Brno there are direct connections, either by train (operated by Gepard Express, but not as frequent) or by bus (operated by Flixbus or Regiojet)
- journey time approx. 2 hours, price depends on the fare (ranges from 300 CZK to 800 CZK, 12 EUR to 35 EUR)
- there is also a train connection with a change at Vienna Central Station (for details consult IDOS).

FROM PRAGUE AIRPORT TO BRNO

- there is no direct connection to Brno, you have to take one of the buses to get to the centre of Prague – the most convenient are the AE – Airport Express buses, which go directly to the Prague Central Station (you can also find out how to get to the city centre on this page)
- from the centre of Prague you can easily get to Brno by train or bus (they run approximately every 30 minutes or less, consult IDOS)
- the whole trip takes about 4 hours, the price is around 500 CZK / 20 EUR
- trains go from the Main Train Station: Metro C (red line) – HLAVNÍ NÁDRAŽÍ
- almost all buses depart from Florenc Bus Station: Metro C-B, station FLORENC
- booking is advisable, trains are operated by České dráhy or Regiojet, buses are usually operated by Flixbus or Regiojet.

TRANSPORT IN BRNO

GENERAL INFO - PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- tickets for public transport can be bought in every vehicle (tram or bus) only by attaching a credit card (for more info see this page); another option is to buy a paper ticket in vending machines or at newspaper stands
- regular tickets are CZK 20,- for 15 minutes (incl. any transfers), CZK 25,- for 60 minutes (incl. any transfers)
- tickets are valid for all means of transport incl. trams, busses and trolleybuses – in case of using a paper ticket do not forget to punch it immediately after getting onto the means of transport
- for route planning, please use special version of IDOS
- from 23:00 to 5:00, the public transports operate in the night regime (there are special night bus lines calling every hour) – consult IDOS to plan your route.

GENERAL INFO - TAXI

- prices are around CZK 40,- per km + fixed sum of approx. CZK 60,- per ride
- services like Uber, Bolt etc. also work.

FROM MAIN TRAIN STATION TO THE FACULTY OF LAW

- Tram 12 (in the direction of TECHNOLOGICKÝ PARK) – 7th stop NERUDOVA, then walk across the nearby park (if necessary, consult the map).

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SECURITY AND EMERGENCY

- Brno is in general a safe place.
- The universal phone number for any kind of emergency is 112 (operators speak English).

CURRENCY AND PRICES

- Local currency is the Czech Crown (CZK) (current official exchange rates). Normally, the rate is in the range of 24-26 CZK / 1 EUR)
- Regularly, only CZK is accepted at shops, restaurants, by taxi drivers etc. It is usually also possible also to pay by most frequent credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard). ATMs are relatively frequent in the centre and they operate non-stop.
- Some indicative prices: lunch menu in a restaurant (CZK 140-200/EUR 6-9) – mineral water 0,5l (CZK 50/ EUR 2) – draught beer (CZK 50/EUR 2) – coffee (60 CZK/EUR 2,5)

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

- Speakers and delegates will be served a buffet lunch and there will also be coffee breaks at the Faculty of Law throughout the conference.
- A conference dinner will be held on Friday evening (for registered participants only). Details of location and time will be sent to all those registered in due course.
- Brno is also a hub of cafés. If you are a coffee lover, you should try to get to at least two or three cafes with a speciality coffee. Several of them are also quite close to the Faculty of Law. To mention a few, literally next to the faculty building there is the Piknik box (as the name suggests, it is especially suitable if the weather is nice) or a little further on there is Komár kafe or Kafec. In the city centre, we can recommend SKØG (where they also have a lot of vegan options), Dezertína (famous for its croissants) or 4pokoje (a great place for either brunch or an evening drink). For more tips on good cafés, check out this app.
- Brno is not just about hipster cafés, however, it also offers many other gastronomic experiences. Whether you want to have a burger (Bucheck), a combination of Czech and Vietnamese cuisine (Večerka), sushi or dumplings (MANYA), or an affordable fine dining experience (Atelier or Element), you will find something for yourself in Brno. And if you would like to taste traditional Czech cuisine, there is, for example, Lokál. For a drink we can recommend the Bar, který neexistuje (literally translated as Bar that doesn't exist), with its unique atmosphere. It is a good idea to make a reservation for some places in advance, but in general it is not necessary during non-busy times and in most places in Brno.

INTERNET

- Wireless connection - Faculty of Law is covered by eduroam wireless network (visit <http://www.eduroam.org/> for further information). Please, note that the network is accessible only for researchers, teachers, students and staff from institutions participating in the Eduroam project.
- Further, the participants may be provided with uniquely generated login credentials for access to the wireless network on the premises of the Faculty of Law, if necessary. Please connect to the MUNI Wi-Fi network and type the login data in the login webpage.

POWERPLUGS (FOR UK AND OVERSEAS)

- If you are bringing any electronic devices with you from the UK or overseas, you might need a power adaptor. The standard power plug for the Czech Republic is the French type E (a two-pin plug) or Europlug or CEE 7/17 standard (see the pictures below)

