

DiPVaC 2012: SECOND CIRCULAR

TRAVEL & ARRIVAL

General travel information can be found on the conference website and at <http://www.salford.ac.uk/travel>. Directions to Manchester city hotels and the conference venue are provided below. A campus map is available for download here: http://www.salford.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/61151/University-of-Salford_Campus_Map-and-Guide.pdf.

The conference venue, the Old Fire Station, is building 26 on the map.

Manchester airport > conference venue: The easiest and cheapest way to get from the airport to the conference venue is by train to Salford Crescent. There are direct trains roughly every half hour during peak hours, the journey takes roughly 25-30 minutes, and a single ticket which can be purchased at the airport station costs £3.80. From Salford Crescent station, please walk up the ramp, turn left, and at the roundabout take the third exit towards Manchester A6 and Salford Museum & Art Gallery. When you hit the A6 (The Crescent), turn left and continue towards Manchester city centre (i.e. away from the McDonald's and some red-ish high-rise buildings). Cross the road at the first traffic lights and continue left towards Manchester city centre. The Old Fire Station is located at the next set of traffic lights, on Albion Place (a small square with a fountain in the middle). Alternatively, you may of course wish to take a taxi but it may cost you up to £35 (or more).

Manchester airport > inner city hotels: Again, the easiest and cheapest way to get from the airport to inner-city hotels is by train, either to Manchester Piccadilly or to Manchester Oxford Road. (Oxford Road is the most convenient station for the Ibis and Travel Inn on Portland Street.) Costs are £3.80 and the journey lasts about 30 minutes. Any train **not** heading to Crew will stop at Manchester Piccadilly; trains which stop at Oxford Road are a bit less frequent. Alternatively, you can of course take a taxi but it is costly (see above).

Manchester Piccadilly > conference venue: The easiest way to get from Manchester Piccadilly train station to the University of Salford is by train. Please see above for directions from Salford Crescent to the conference venue. Alternatively, you can take a taxi which will cost you roughly £8-10. However, note that traffic on The Crescent, the road leading from Manchester city centre to the University of Salford, can be quite bad and you may be faster taking the train.

Manchester City centre hotels > conference venue: If you're staying in the Ibis or Travel Inn on Portland Street, the easiest way is to take a train from Oxford Road station to Salford Crescent station. Trains run at least every half hour, the journey takes 6-7 minutes and single off-peak tickets cost £1.70 during peak times and £1.50 off-peak. If you're staying in the Travelodge on Blackfriars Street or the Premier Inn on Victoria Bridge Street, your easiest option is probably to walk to the conference venue: as you exit the hotel, walk down to Chapel Street, turn left, follow Chapel Street and continue along The Crescent till you reach the University of Salford.

Travel and transport information: For rail information, please visit the following URL: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>. For bus information in Manchester/Salford, please visit this URL: http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/bus_times_leaflet_library.cfm.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on Wed, 18 April, 12 noon and the registration desk remains (wo-)manned till the end of the first coffee break on Fri, 20 April. The registration desk is in the coffee lounge in the Old Fire Station (see below for directions) where we will also serve lunch and refreshments. Paper sessions will take place in the Council Chambers in the Old Fire Station.

Please be sure to register upon arrival to receive your conference pack with practical information, the abstract booklet, your name badge and IT user-ID and the most up-to-date programme. The conference pack will also include a certificate of attendance. (No receipts for payment are included in the conference pack since you will have received an e-mail receipt when you paid your registration fee on-line. If you register and pay on the day, we will issue a receipt then.)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The conference begins on Wednesday, 18 April at 2 pm, with Dr Alex D'Arcy's and Prof. Andreas Jucker's workshops. The official conference opening is at 5:45 pm in the Council Chambers, followed by Prof. Jenny Cheshire's opening plenary talk at 6 pm and the wine reception at 7 pm in the lounge. Participation at the workshops, opening plenary and wine reception is included in the conference fee.

The programme for Thu and Fri starts at 8:45. For those travelling via train from Oxford Road Station, the most convenient train is probably the one leaving Oxford Road station at 08:26 am. Those who are presenting in the first slot on Thu and Fri, please note that the Old Fire Station won't open till 8:30 am. You may therefore wish to upload your presentations the previous day.

FORMAT OF PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Session chairs are instructed to be strict with time-keeping, so please be sure to time your presentation ahead of the conference.

If you have a handout, please bring roughly 35-40 copies. We will not be able to make photocopies during the conference. Also note that the conference takes place during our spring vacation and photocopying services on campus may be closed.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR PRESENTATIONS

The conference room is equipped with a powerpoint projector, speakers and a laptop running Windows XP. Computers running Linux and MacOS are not available. If you intend to use your own Mac computer, please don't forget to bring any adapters required.

If you plan to use PowerPoint as part of your presentation, we strongly recommend that you test your presentation upon arrival at the conference (and bring it as .ppt as well as .pdf-files). One of our conference assistance will help you with this. If you want to play sound files, please be sure to save the sound files in the same folder as your presentation before you embed them in your slides to ensure they're working correctly.

If you have further requirements concerning particular hardware, software or fonts, please e-mail dipvac2012@gmail.com by **Friday, 13 April** and we will try to accommodate your requests.

INTERNET ACCESS

With their conference pack, all delegates will receive a University of Salford IT username and password for internet access. Wireless LAN is available at the conference venue; networked open-access computer rooms are also available on campus. Our conference assistants will direct you to the appropriate locations.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

We have organised an **informal dinner** at Evuna, a wine/tapas bar on Deansgate in Manchester for 8:30 pm on Wednesday, 18 April. There are only two places left for this dinner; they will be given away on a first-come-first-serve basis. Note that costs for this dinner are not included in the registration fee. A member of the conference team will guide you to the restaurant or arrange taxis for you.

The official **conference dinner** will be at 8 pm on Thursday, 19 April, at restaurant CHOICE, situated right on the canal, about a 30-minute walk from the conference venue and Manchester city centre hotels. Directions to the venue will be included in your conference pack. Please note that the conference dinner fee includes a three-course meal, two large glasses of wine, water and coffee/tea. Other drinks or snacks are not included in the fee and will have to be paid by delegates.

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- It rains rather a lot in Manchester. We therefore advise that you bring an umbrella or a waterproof coat. You can check the weather forecast at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2643123>
- Other practical information (taxi numbers, nearest cash machine or supermarket, etc.) will be provided in your conference pack.

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions in the run-up to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us at dipvac2012@gmail.com. We will check the account very regularly in the run-up to the conference and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you to Salford in April.

Best wishes,
The DiPVaC organizing committee