

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Winds of Change and Streams of Solidarity: Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe in the 21st Century

University of Bergen (Norway)
4-5 September 2023

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The University of Bergen (UiB) was established in 1946. As the most cited university in Norway, it is an internationally recognised research university.

Our seven faculties ([Fine Arts, Music and Design](#); [Humanities](#); [Mathematics and Natural Sciences](#); [Medicine](#); [Psychology](#); [Social Sciences](#)) as well as [the University Museum](#), are home to close to 20 000 students and about 2500 academic staff.

UiB employees come from more than 90 different nations across the world. In 2022 a total of 220 persons [obtained their PhD diploma](#) at UiB. Currently UiB hosts 23 researchers with [ERC grants](#). Professor [Margareth Hagen](#) has been elected Rector of the University of Bergen since 2021.



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TIME, DATES AND LOCATION:

The international conference [Winds of Change and Streams of Solidarity: Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe in the 21st Century](#), will take place on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September 2023, in the [University Aula](#), in the south wing of the Natural History Museum in Bergen, University of Bergen. The street address is [Museplassen 3](#).

Registration starts at 08:15 on Monday 4 September in the lobby of the Aula.

PROGRAMME:

An updated programme of the conference is always [available on this page](#).

ATTENDANCE:

The conference will be in person only and virtual attendance is not possible. Participation is free of charge for all interested persons. Participants are responsible for their own costs involved with travel and accommodation for attending the conference.

LUNCH:

A light lunch will be served in the University Aula both days of the conference. NOTE! Only registered participants, with a valid official conference badge, will have access to the luncheon.

ACCOMMODATION:

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for conference participants at [Hotel Scandic Byparken](#), Christiesgate 7, 5015 Bergen (price incl. breakfast NOK 1440 per night) and [Hotel Norge by Scandic](#), Nedre Ole Bulls plass 4, 5012 Bergen (price incl. breakfast NOK 1950 per night). [Reservations](#), with a credit card, must be made before 20 August, and can be cancelled or amended before 31 August with no charge. Please use booking code BUNIO20923 when [making the reservation](#). Both hotels are in close walking distance (5-8 minutes) from the venue of the conference, and a 4 minutes' walk from the stop 'Byparken', where the Bergen Light Rail terminates.

Conference participants are under no obligation to use one of these two hotels and are of course free to look for other options while in Bergen.

GETTING TO/AROUND THE CITY CENTRE:

From Oslo to Bergen one can take the train or go by plane. In Bergen the train station is in the city centre, a short walk from the hotels as well as the conference venue.

Participants arriving at Bergen Airport Flesland, can use the Bergen Light Rail Line #1 every 10 minutes from/to Bergen Airport Flesland to stop 'Byparken'. The journey is approx. 55 minutes. Single tickets (NOK 40) can be [bought in vending machines or in the Skyss app](#).

Another option from the airport is [Flybussen](#) (Airport bus) to stop 'Festplassen'. It takes about 32 minutes. Single tickets NOK 149/return ticket NOK 258. Tickets can be bought online or directly by the driver.

A taxi from the airport (approx. 20 minutes) will cost about NOK 600. Be sure to set a fixed/maximum price with the driver *before* boarding a taxi at the airport.

Within the city centre the hotels, restaurants, shops etc. are all in walking distance to the University of Bergen/the University Aula.

Should you wish to explore some of the *immediate* surroundings of the city, you can buy a 24-hour ticket (NOK 105) from Skyss (vending machines or the Skyss app), valid for unlimited travel [within Zone A](#) (incl. from/to the airport/city centre) on all busses and the Bergen Light Rail. A 7-day ticket is also available for NOK 235.

MONEY:

Norway uses the Norwegian Krone (NOK). As of 20 July 1 EUR=NOK11,30. Bills come in values of 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in 20, 10, 5 and 1 ([more information here](#)). However, most people do not use bills/coins anymore. One can pay virtually everywhere (but with the drivers of busses/Bergen Light Rail, and some convenience stores) with a valid credit card or mobile payment systems (e.g., Apple Pay).

WEATHER:

As the 'rainy city' of Norway, it is advisable to bring an umbrella as well as clothes for inclement weather. Usual temperature in September varies between 8 and 14 degrees Celsius, with rain at any time.

SIGHTSEEING:

Bergen is known as 'the gateway to the fjords'. More information about Bergen and the surroundings can be found at <https://en.visitbergen.com/>

We wish you a very warm welcome to the conference, the University of Bergen, and the City of Bergen. See you soon!