

Practical matters

Host: Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj, Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology and Centre for Biblical Studies

Venue: Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology, Iuliu Maniu str. 5. The venue is located downtown, in a pedestrian area.

Accommodation: We provide accommodation at the university hotel (Universitas), strada Plopilor 52-54. (We are still working on the budget. We will cover the costs for Ukrainian colleagues, and we are working on obtaining funds for the other speakers. More on that later.) The complex is located in the Iuliu Hațieganu park. The unpretentious rooms have a private bathroom. From downtown, the hotel is accessible by tram. Tram 101 stops in front of the entrance.

Alternatively you can choose a downtown accommodation, at your own expense, within walking distance from the venue: hotels Victoria, Le Petit Paris, Fullton Central, Beyfin, or at the higher end, the recently opened Courtyard by Marriott, but also several private apartments. You may check the options on Booking.com, on the map.

Let us know latest on April 15 if you wish to stay at Hotel Universitas or you will make your own arrangements for your accommodation.

Arrival

If you arrive by train, take tram no. 101 in front of the railway station, travel direction “Bucium”. Step off at *Plopilor Nord* (5th stop).

If you fly to Cluj, from the airport you may take a taxi (notably for late flights). Otherwise, public transportation is convenient. The easiest is to take trolleybus no. 5 from the airport and step off at Strada Horea stop. From there continue ahead ca. 50 m and cross the street to the tram stop. Take tram no. 101. (The travel direction is “Bucium”, i.e. *you will travel in the opposite direction compared to the trajectory of the trolleybus. Otherwise you will get to the railway station. Not a big problem either, as you can take the tram in front of the station as well*). Step off at Plopilor Nord (4th stop).

The Airport bus is not convenient, as you will have to walk more from Piața Mihai Viteazu (the end destination) to the tram stop (and it costs twice as much. i.e. 6 lei).

You can pay the fare on the trolleybus/tram with a *contactless card*, at the smaller blue automates. They don't give a receipt, but the green screen will turn blue; check if it shows in a while “Tranz. acceptata” before turning green again. You can also purchase tickets from the ticket vending machine at the bus

stop in front of the airport, by card or with cash (only Romanian lei). A fare/ticket costs 3 RON. Single tickets are valid for one means of transport (for the entire trip from the airport to Universitas you need 2 tickets). Each ticket has to be validated on the trolleybus/tram at the larger blue validators.

Timetables:

Trolleybus 5: <https://ctpcj.ro/index.php/en/timetables/urban-lines/linia-5>

Tram 101: <https://ctpcj.ro/index.php/en/timetables/urban-lines/linia101>

If you travel from Ukraine by bus, let us know. We will try to pick you up from the bus station or offer further advice. Please also inform us if you travel by car.

Coming to the venue (Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology, Iuliu Maniu str. 5)

To get to the conference venue from the hotel, you may take / share a taxi to Piața Unirii, to the Vodafone store, which is on the corner with Iuliu Maniu street (the reception will call you a taxi). You can also take [tram 101 to the Gheorghe Barițiu stop, and from there walk about 10 minutes](#).

Most taxis take only cash (lei), few accept card payments. A fare to from the airport to the hotel

Prices for Diesel Taxi: http://dieseltaxi.ro/preтури_taxi_cluj/ (approx. 0.80-1 EUR/km)

Please count with at least 35 minutes (even by taxi, as in the morning traffic jams are common). It is important to start on time because the schedule is very tight.

Currency

In Romania you can pay only with Romanian Lei (abbreviated RON). Debit /credit cards in EUR/USD/CHF are also accepted, and most stores accept card payments.

At the airport and railway station you may find ATMs. You can also get cash from ATMs at most banks (Transilvania, BCR, BRD, etc.) if you hold a card in one of the currencies mentioned above, and as far as we know now, you can also withdraw cash (RON) from your Ukrainian card.

1 EUR is a little less than 5 RON.

It is more difficult to exchange Hryvnias. AXA Exchange located downtown (Strada Regele Ferdinand 34) usually buys Hryvnias. If you travel by car, you can buy RON at the border in Chernivtsi or Solotvyno. We will try to gather more information on this issue.

1 UAH is roughly 0.12 RON (100 RON is approx. 850 UAH).