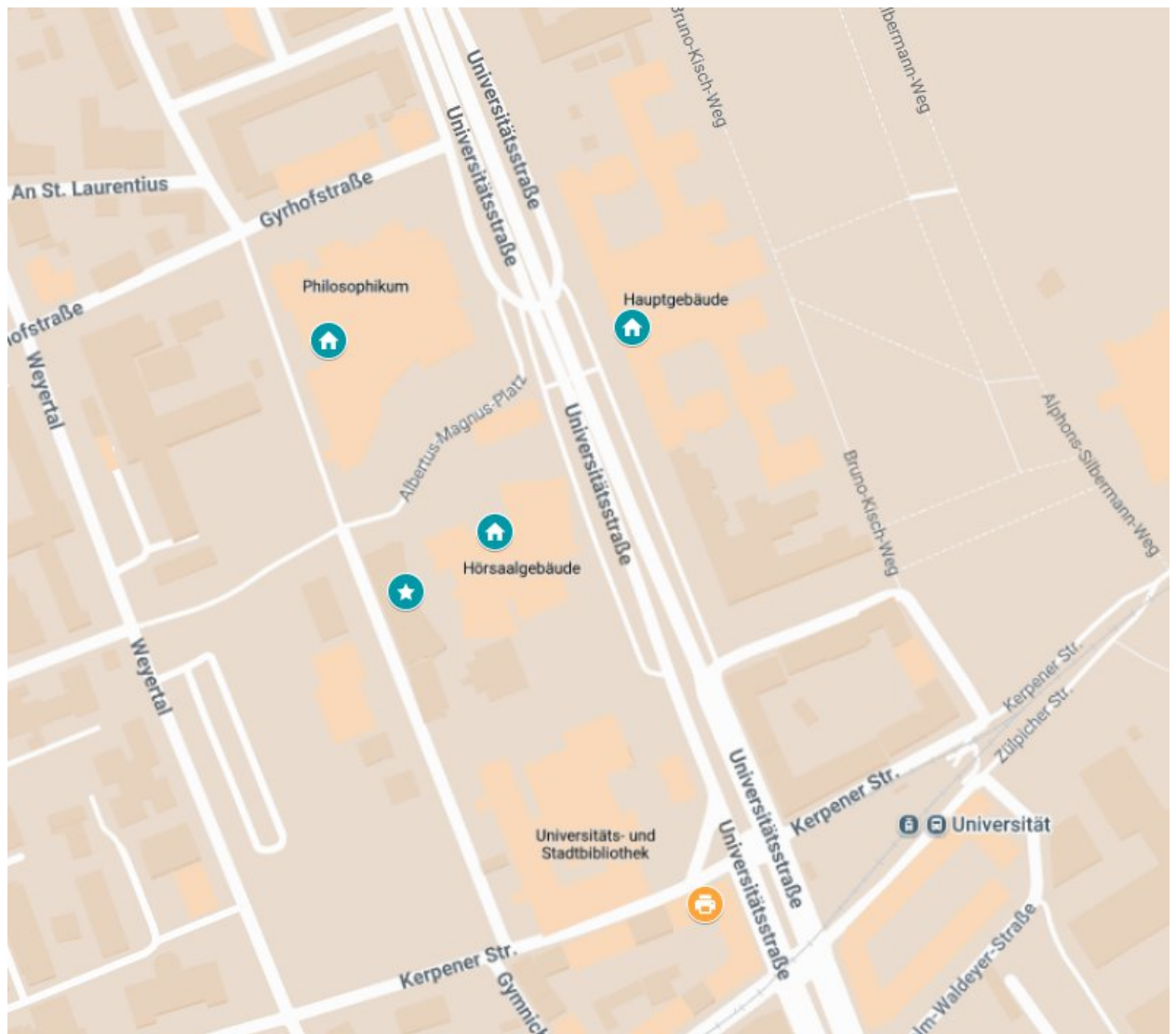


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COLOGNE, GERMANY - 29.09.25 – 02.10.25

„UN/COMMONING ANTHROPOLOGY“

Dear DGSKA2025 conference delegate,

With just one week left until our DGSKA2025 conference kicks off, this email aims to help you reach the university reception desk, navigate the conference week, and ensure you have a successful conference experience.

DGSKA2025 is a in-person also know as face-to-face conference, meaning that all sessions take place face-to-face (in person) sessions in Cologne and we will not be streaming the panels online.

TRAVEL

You can find a comprehensive guide how to travel to Cologne at the [Cologne Tourism information page](#).

By train: Cologne is well connected with major German urban centres, easiest way of booking traintickets is via [Deutsche Bahn page](#) or app.

By bus: major bus service companies offer Cologne connections. See FlixBus or use Google map to plot your best route and then buy the tickets from the offered providers.

By car: notice that Cologne is a Low Emission Zone, meaning that only vehicles bearing a green environmental sticker (Emission Group 4) can enter the Cologne Low Emission Zone. [See here](#) how to obtain your sticker. If you are unable to obtain the sticker allowing entry, you can [park your vehicle](#) and continue via public transport.

Public transport: you can buy KVB/public transport tickets in salespoints or download a app. You can plan your trip using the [KVB website](#) or app.

Notice: you can not buy tickets on board the public transport.

By plane: Cologne Bonn airport has a train connection with the city. For international travel you might consider Frankfurt am Main airport which has a (ca 1h ride) train connection to Cologne.

What to bring (or procure on the spot):

- Weather: according to forecast the temperature is around 18-20 C during the daytime and around 10 C during the night, cloudy with occasional rains. so make sure you bring warm clothing and a rainproof jacket. Layering is a good idea in case weather turns and you need to peel some off!
- Formal clothing: the conference dinner and party on Wednesday evening is not a formal event - this is more about socialising and having a good time, so no formal white tie event dresscode is required. That said, we do encourage expressions of free spirit, style

and good sense!

- Presentation files: bring a USB or another portable device to transfer your presentation files on the day. All rooms have a HDMI and VGA connection and easiest way is to connect convneors laptop to the projector and transfer files to the same computer. This avoids the possible delays when reconnecting laptops.
Notice: **Apple laptops require a converter (bring yours)** and depending on the setup the connection is not always working. Bring your presentation on USB as backup.
- Other necessities to bring: those not from the EU should bring an adaptor for the EU standard electrical sockets (two-pole, round-pin domestic). Remember to bring chargers for all your various devices (and perhaps a battery bank), as it is optimal to navigate the programme electronically.

Taxis in Cologne

Both Uber and Bolt are available in Cologne, but there is also a list of more local apps that can be used. Cologne also has taxi stands and you can just take a taxi from there. Main stands are:

- next to the Cologne Tourist Board, Burgmauer
- at the Central Station (Bahnhofsvorplatz/Dompropst-Ketzer-Straße)

You can also call for a taxi using Taxi-Ruf Köln (Tel.: +49 (0) 221 2882).

Expected fare from Central trainsation to University would be around 10-15€.

If planning on paying by card check before starting the ride, there might be additional charges on using credit cards. Also notify your driver if you need a receipt.

ARRIVAL - WHERE TO GO AND WHEN?

On Monday. We open the reception desk at 11:30, come to the Seminargebäude ground floor and check your self to the conference, get your badge and orient yourself in the campus.

The working and regional meeting groups start at 13:30

Conference opening and keynote start at 17:00 in the Hauptgebäude, followed by a welcome reception across the yard in Hörsaalgebäude foyer.

Even if you arrive just to see the opening and keynote, arrive an hour earlier to get your badge and get oriented.

Notice that **all delegates are requested to wear their badges during the whole conference.** We will be asking for the badges at the doors.

RECEPTION DESK

The Reception desk (located in the foyer at Seminargebäude building) is open:

- Monday 11:30-17:30
- Tuesday 08:00-18:30
- Wednesday 08:30-18:30
- Thursday 09:00-13:00

Please do not try to check in at the Reception desk before it opens or after it has closed.

Once you've reached the Reception desk, the volunteer team will check if you have registered and are paid-up - and if all is in order, they will check you in and hand you your badge. You can then go on to enjoy the congress.

Please [use the timetable page](#) on the DGSKA2025 website to find your panels and events.

You can **use the search function** at the top of the page to enter keywords, authors' names or panel reference numbers to find things quickly

CONFERENCE OFFICE

If you are yet to settle the fees: **PLEASE, pretty please** - try to do this before Monday 29 September online, by card.

Otherwise, those needing to settle their conference fees will need to come to the conference organisers' office at room S01 (ground floor), only receiving their badge from Reception after the debt is settled at the office.

The office is small and filled with busy and stressed-out organisers, so for the sake of public health, safety and hygiene I implore that you all settle the fees before the event...

CATERING

DGSKA is offering refreshments and hot beverages during the breaks. However we do not offer organised lunch.

There are [multiple options for lunch short walk from the University](#). We recommend either use Google maps to find a suitable option or consult with the volunteers as they would know best local food places.

WIFI

The best way to access the internet at the university is with your own Eduroam credentials (pan Universities WiFi network given to University employees by your University).

If you do not have Euroam access you would have to use your mobile data. If you are outside of Germany or EU, please consider an additional SIM card that would enable you to access internet.

Optimal and affordable option is ALDI TALK that can be bought in ALDI supermarkets.

PUBLISHERS AND BOOK LAUNCHES

You can find the publishers and other exhibitors near the reception desk on the ground floor of Seminargebäude (space called Tagungsraum).

Publishers will set up near the coffee/tea break area so you would have plenty of time to browse and have a look at the books and information on the offer.

PRINTING

If you need to print your presentation or another document, please try to do it at your hotel or use the printing shop near the University. M&S Druckhaus next to University offer good quality and cheap printing.

If you have an emergency printing need, the conference office can print small documents for €0.50 per page (paid in cash).

ACCESSIBLE ROOM

All-gender restrooms:

- + Philosophikum: ground floor, next to the elevator
- + Hauptgebäude: basement, rooms 3.0119, 2.057, 2.058

Diaper changing stations:

- + Philosophikum: rooms 1.012, 2.010, 3.010 (enter through accessible restrooms); 0.310, 0.308
- + Seminar Building: ground floor, room R.003 (enter through accessible restroom)
- + Main Building: basement room 3.0119 (enter through all-gender restroom), ground floor room 011

Nursing Sofas:

- + Philosophikum: 3rd floor

+ Seminar Building: 2nd floor (next to Seminar room S23)

Parent-children room:

+ Philosophikum 2nd floor, room 2.208 (access information: go to Infopoint in the Philosophikum; equipment: toys, children's bed, seating for breastfeeding)

Silence room (e.g. for praying):

+ Main Building: basement, room -1.216 (access information: go to the Infopoint in the Main Building)

Accessible restrooms:

(Euro Key necessary, if problems ask at information point)

+ Main Building: 4 (ground floor and basement)

+ Seminar Building: 1(ground floor, room R.003)

+ Philosophikum: 4 (ground floor (room 0.010), 1st floor (room 1.010), 2nd floor (room 2.010), 3rd floor (room 3.010))

+ Mensa: 2 (basement and 1st floor)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

During the conference, conference-related emergency messages should be sent to dgska@nomadit.co.uk

You can also come see us in the conference office during reception opening hours.

The emergency numbers in Germany are:

112 is used for fire and medical assistance emergencies.

110 is used for emergencies requiring the police.

The university is a campus university so does not have pharmacies on site, the closest pharmacie is:

Loreley Apotheke

+49221413850

Zülpicher Str. 227, 50937 Köln, Germany

THOSE PRESENTING

Please have any files you wish to present on your portable device (or USB) and come to your panel room 15 minutes before the session, to upload the files to the presenting computer and check that everything is in order.

We recommend to agree with the convenor on one laptop that will be used for presenting. The you would not lose time on connecting and setting up different computers.

Keep in mind that rooms do not have a desktop computer and have available HDMI and VGA connections.

Apple laptop owners/users would need to have their converter with them - sometimes Apples do not like the connection cables and would not connect properly with the projectors (it has to do with setup and different laptop models, unfortunately we are not able to support Apple laptops that refuse to connect). Therefore bring a backup on USB stick.

There will be a student volunteer team member present to assist - all will be well.

THOSE CONVENING/CHAIRING

Please arrive 15 mins early to your panel to meet the conference volunteer who will assist with getting you set up.

Agree on one laptop that will be connected to the projector, then your panellists will not lose presentation time disconnecting and reconnecting laptops.

Different users have different devices and untested setups might not work properly. Especially with Apple laptops. Therefore we recommend on agreeing to set up one laptop and copy files to the presentation computer, rather than reconnecting different machines.

Strict time-keeping is crucial to a good conference and is one of your responsibilities as convenor or chair: please ensure that each presenter gets their fair share of the time and do not run over into the breaks; this will only turn your audience against you.

We will provide rooms with laminated traffic light cards with 4 min, 2 min and 1 min printed on them, this can be helpful indicating how much time the presenter still has left.

TIMING OF PAPERS/SESSIONS

Sessions are 90 minutes long with up to four papers per session, some fewer.

It is up to the convenors of each panel to decide how much time they want for discussion, how long papers can be.

Default recommendation is 15 min presentation +5 min Q&A per delegate - fitting 4 papers and leaving 10 min for general discussion.

Convenors - please discuss with panellists if they want papers or PowerPoints pre-circulated (you can find all the contact if you log in to your account via website and once logged in choose 'conferences' in the log in menu and select the conference and then click on the edit icon in front your panel title).

Convenors, please make sure that all presenters are aware if you decide to organise the panel any other way then recommended way.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Last but not least we would like to note for you that besides the panels and keynotes DGSKA2025 offers additional meetings and events for the delegates to participate.

Please make sure you have your badge before you intend to go to any of the events.

Monday, 29 September

- There are meetings for DGSKA working and regional groups and
- workshop P022 Bildung von allen für alle – Bildung als Gemeingut für Gemeinwohl?!

Tuesday, 30 September

- From 10:00-18:00 there is a Curatorial Project, Exhibition and Audiovisual Intervention [Out of Focus. Un/Commoning Curatorial Practices through Multimodal Engagements](#) open for delegates at the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum.

On Tuesday we also have lunchtime events:

- [International Association for the Study of the Commons \(IASC\)](#)
- [AK Ethik](#)
- [Der bfe stellt sich vor/The bfe presents itself](#)
- [Mittelbautreffen](#)

Wednesday, 1 October

- From 10:00-23:00 there is a Curatorial Project, Exhibition and Audiovisual Intervention [Out of Focus. Un/Commoning Curatorial Practices through Multimodal Engagements](#) open for delegates at the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum.
- 11:00-13:00 General meeting of GASCA (DGSKA) members
- Sociologus editorial team is holding their (closed) meeting
- **Dinner 20:00** - in the evening we will be holding our conference dinner also in the Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum museum from 20:00
- **Party 22:00** - after the dinner (from 22:00) everyone is invited to join us for a dance party at the Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum museum, we offer wine, beer and beverages at the party, so bring cash.

Thursday, 2 October

- From 10:00-20:00 there is a Curatorial Project, Exhibition and Audiovisual Intervention [*Out of Focus. Un/Commoning Curatorial Practices through Multimodal Engagements*](#) open for delegates at the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum.
- Editorial team of the Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology (closed)
- After final keynote we will officially close the conference at 15:00

Key point to remember:

- Make sure to wear your badge all times and
- online timetable will be the most up to date timetable
- if you have any questions find us at the conference office at Seminargebäude room S01
- you can also email us (dgska(at)nomadit.co.uk), but we might not respond very quickly
- **have fun!**

Best,

DGSKA2025 team