

Practical Information

Conference Venue

The conference will be held on the campus of Ecole Polytechnique in Palaiseau (south-west of Paris).

About Ecole Polytechnique

The École Polytechnique (often nicknamed X) is the foremost French engineering school. Known for its extremely competitive entrance exam, it produces graduates that occupy outstanding positions in industry and research. Among its alumni are several Nobel prizes winners and many CEOs of French and international companies.

Founded in 1794 and initially located in the Latin Quarter in central Paris, it was moved to Palaiseau in 1976. Traditionally, a favoured goal of the polytechniciens is to join the elite government bodies known as the grands corps techniques de l'État (X-Mines, X-Ponts, X-INSEE,...) ; nowadays the majority of the 500 students who graduate each year join Ph.D. or masters programmes in French or foreign universities.

Inside Ecole Polytechnique

Registration, plenary talks and contributed talks will be in the main building, denoted by 14 (Amphis) on the map. All events will happen in amphitheater “Becquerel”, or close to amphitheater “Becquerel”.

Reaching Ecole Polytechnique

To reach the conference site a dedicated free bus will drive participants from Paris to Ecole Polytechnique every morning and from Ecole Polytechnique to Paris every evening.

This bus will start in Paris from “Place Denfert-Rochereau”, near the RER/Train Station (on the left of the lion in the center of Place Denfert-Rochereau). The bus is from company “SAVAC”.

It will leave on September 23 at 9h00, and on September 24 and 25 at 8h30 (see program for full details). It will leave Ecole Polytechnique from “Cour Ferrié”, denoted by “Cour des Cérémonies” on the map on evenings.

Ecole Polytechnique can also be reached by underground RER B. Details with pictures can be found on <http://www.lix.polytechnique.fr/rp09/i.php/Main/Indications>, or below in the section “How to Reach the Campus”.

Registration

Registration will happen in the corridor close to amphitheater “Becquerel”, where talks will take place. Here registered participants will collect their conference materials and name tags. Notice that payments (for non-free registration) have to be made in cash (in Euro).

Walk-in registration will also be possible during the conference.

Wifi Access

Free WiFi is available during the conference in the area where the talks take place. Logging on is done by searching for a wireless network called `visiteurs`. Once in a browser, use login `wifi-lix`, and password `dQAFJCES0LOMV33T`. Proxies must be set to «use an automatic script » (exact words depend on your browser), with url `http://cache.polytechnique.fr/proxy.pac`

Smoking

Please notice that there is a strict non-smoking policy in all public sites in France. Hence smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the buildings of the conference venue.

Canteen

All meals during the conference will be served at the canteen of the Ecole Polytechnique (denoted by 27, Restauration on the map), except the Conference dinner.

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take place in Paris Downtown, in restaurant “Au Chien qui Fume”, 33 rue du Pont Neuf, 75001 Paris. This restaurant is located close to “Les Halles” and “Pont Neuf”. Tel of restaurant: 01 42 36 07 42.

Please register for the dinner, as the number of attendees is limited.

On site Rooms

A few on-site rooms are available and have been booked for some of the participants. Corresponding participants should have received an email of confirmation.

Speakers Advices

Speakers are invited to leave at least 5 minutes in the allocated time slot for questions.

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If you want to come by your own, the campus can also be reached by underground RER B. Details with pictures can be found on

<http://www.lix.polytechnique.fr/rp09/i.php/Main/Indications>.

In written form: from Paris, take any train/RER B going in the direction Saint-Remy-les-Chevreuses (South) and get off at either Massy-Palaiseau (= Recommended Option 1) or Lozere (= Option 2). Be careful since not every train that goes to the end-point St Remy-LaChevreuse stops at Lozere or Massy-Palaiseau. Please make sure to check the overhead board in your RER station to confirm the stations.

* RECOMMENDED Option 1 (= From Massy Palaiseau to Ecole Polytechnique): get off at Massy-Palaiseau and take the bus Albatrans number 91-06 to get off at stop "(Polytechnique) Lozere".

* Option 2 (= From Lozere to Ecole Polytechnique): get off at Lozere and follow a path with stairs going uphill to the Ecole Polytechnique. You should find signs easily. This takes about 15 minutes but beware it can be tiring if you carry luggage with you.

Both options will bring you to the top of the path denoted by "Porte Lozère" on the map. Then follow "Autres Directions/Toutes directions" and then "Amphithéâtres" (denoted "Amphis" on the map).

Useful Phone Numbers

Ambulance/Fire fighters : 18

Police Emergency : 17

Taxi (Palaiseau):

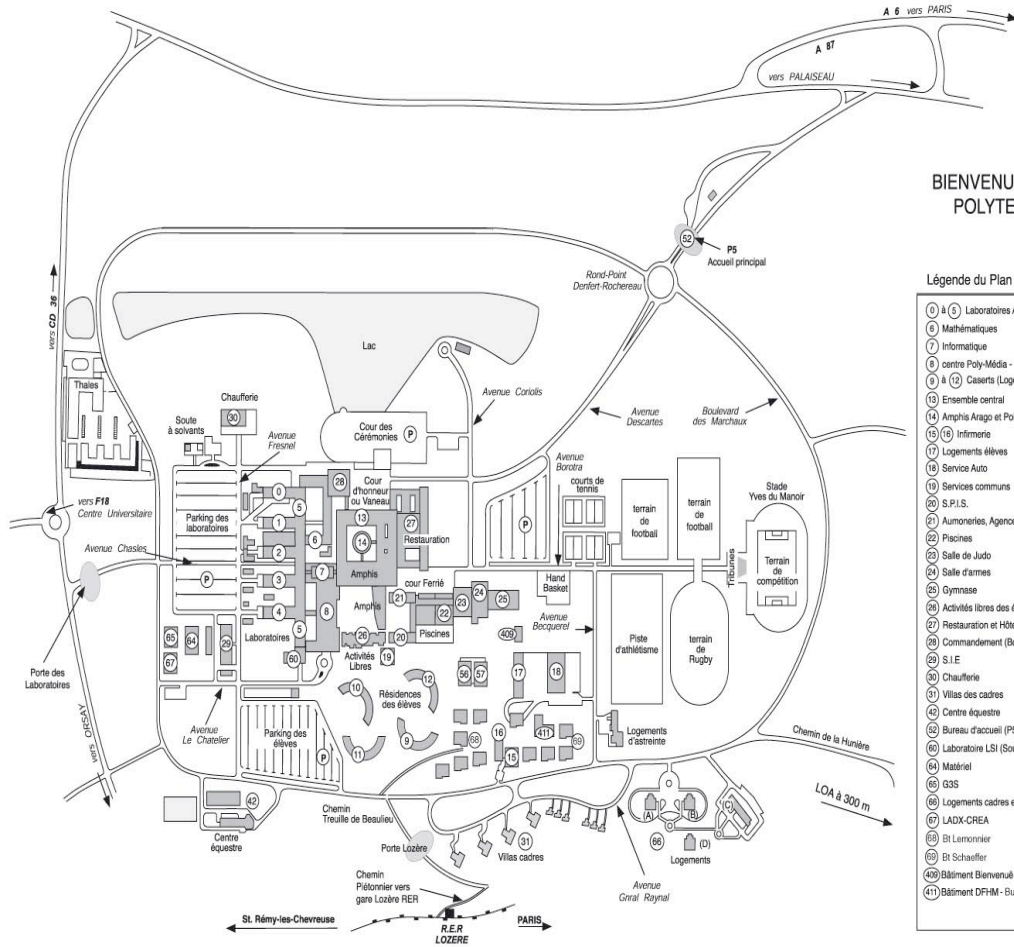
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BIENVENUE À L'ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE

Légende du Plan

- 0 à 5 Laboratoires Allés 0 à 5
- 6 Mathématiques
- 7 Informatique
- 8 centre Poly-Média - Langues - HSS - P.C.
- 9 à 12 Caserns (Logements élèves)
- 13 Ensemble central
- 14 Amphis Arago et Poincaré
- 15 16 infirmerie
- 17 Logements élèves
- 18 Service Auto
- 19 Services communs
- 20 S.P.I.S.
- 21 Aunoneries, Agence comptable
- 22 Piscines
- 23 Salle de Judo
- 24 Salle d'armes
- 25 Gymnase
- 26 Activités libres des élèves
- 27 Restauration et Hôtel
- 28 Commandement (Boncourt)
- 29 S.I.E
- 30 Chauffage
- 31 Villas des cadres
- 32 Centre équestre
- 33 Bureau d'accueil (PS)
- 34 Laboratoire LSI (Sous-Sol)
- 35 Matériel
- 36 G3S
- 37 Logements cadres et élèves mariés
- 38 LADX-CREA
- 39 Bt Lemonnier
- 40 Bt Schaeffer
- 41 Bâtiment Bienvenu
- 42 Bâtiment DFHM - Bureau Logement