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"...for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow..." - Treaty 8



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XV Global Conference

International Association for the Study of the Commons

Shaw Conference Centre

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Welcome to the International Association for the Study of the Commons 15th Biennial Global Conference. We hope your stay in the beautiful and scenic Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is an enjoyable one. This document is designed to help you navigate to and from the conference venues, hotels and eateries during your stay. Please feel free to ask our friendly volunteer staff (wearing [green shirts](#)) located at our Registration/Information Desk on the Assembly Level of the Shaw Conference Centre for additional assistance. The information provided is in the order you would most likely need it.

Currency Exchange

There is an International Currency Exchange outlet in the Edmonton International Airport arrivals level. It is open daily 11:00 – 0:00.

Travel from Airport

Airport transfers are NOT included in your conference fees. When you arrive in Edmonton, the fastest option is to take a taxi to your hotel. Taxis are available from the arrivals level of the airport. Most fares will be about \$55 - \$65 CDN one-way to downtown Edmonton. Taxis take cash, debit and credit cards.

Sky shuttles are a less expensive option and can be booked on site at the time of arrival. Cost for travel to downtown Edmonton is \$18 CDN one way. The Sky Shuttle can drop off at Lister Conference Centre (Stop is called U of A Lister Hall – 11595 87 Ave) or any of the other major hotels in the City of Edmonton.

Accommodations

Rates and contact information of the host hotels are available on the IASC 2015 website. The following is a list of host hotels. Most room blocks have been released but there is still availability at most locations.

Lister Hall
University of Alberta
87 Street and 116 Street
Edmonton, AB

Matrix Hotel
10640 – 100 Avenue
Edmonton, AB

Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel
10425 – 100 Avenue
Edmonton, AB

Things you need to know

Edmonton weather can be unpredictable. Pack for weather between 10°C and 20°C. Be sure to bring a light jacket or sweater as our opening ceremony takes place outside. Bring

comfortable shoes and an umbrella as springtime in Alberta can include rain. Pack sunscreen and bug spray, both useful items for our climate. For those participating in One-day Fieldtrips you may find a small backpack, water bottle, travel mug and good sturdy footwear useful. For those travelling to Jasper and the Columbia Icefields all of those items are strongly recommended as well as hat and mitts and some extra layers of clothing as the weather in the mountains can be even more unpredictable!

No water bottles or travel mugs will be provided in your conference packages so you may want to bring your own. Water stations with glasses will be available both at Lister and Shaw Conference Centre throughout the conference.

Where is

Registration

May 24, 2015 / 1400-1800/ Aurora Room, Lister Hall, University of Alberta, 87 Avenue & 116 Street

May 25, 2015 / 0700-1800/ Aurora Room, Lister Hall, University of Alberta, 87 Avenue & 116 Street

May 26-27 & 29, 2015/ 0700-1700/ Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue

May 28, 2015/ Registration is closed for this offsite fieldtrip day

Pre-Conference workshops

Three locations, check the program for specific locations for the workshop you are registered in. Pre-conference workshops include a continental breakfast and lunch. Please reference the attached map for walking directions.

Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta, 87 Avenue & 116 Street

Pembina Hall, University of Alberta, 89 Avenue & 117 Street

General Services Building, University of Alberta, 89 Avenue & 116 Street

Opening Ceremonies

Fort Edmonton Park

7000 – 143 Street

Transportation to Fort Edmonton Park is provided to all registered conference attendees and guest (if pre-registered).

Lister Hall, University of Alberta, 87 Avenue & 116 Street

Bus schedule:

Busses will begin at 16:30 and depart every 15-30 minutes until 18:00. The ride to Fort Edmonton Park is about 20 minutes (depending on traffic). If you prefer to drive yourself, there is plenty of free parking onsite at the park.

Entrance to the park is through the main gate. There will be conference volunteers to greet you. You must present your Opening Ceremony ticket for entry.

Busses will begin to depart from Fort Edmonton at 21:45 and return to Lister Hall. Your group will be told what time your bus departs. The park closes at 23:00.

Details on the Opening Ceremony will be included in the Program distributed at registration and available online at iasc2015.org.

Main Conference

Shaw Conference Centre
9797 Jasper Avenue

Each day will begin with a plenary session in Hall A on the Assembly Level of the centre. All concurrent sessions will take place on the Meeting Room Level in a variety of Salons. Please refer to daily schedules in your program and signage on that level to find your room.

Meals

Included with Registration:

Opening Ceremony buffet dinner

Coffee, tea and water will be provided every day of main conference.

Coffee breaks will include light snacks in the morning and afternoon.

Box lunches are available by pre-purchase only. Deadline for box lunch purchase is May 22, 2015.

How do I get to

Map 1: University of Alberta – Our campus is centrally located in the city of Edmonton, just minutes from downtown and surrounded by the beautiful river valley. We are proud to be situated on Traditional Territory that marks the footsteps of many Aboriginal peoples who cared for this land before we were founded in 1908. Today, we are one of Canada's Top 5 universities and among the Top 100 in the world.

Lister Hall - (now Lister Conference Centre) was originally named in honour of Reg Lister (d.1960), the University's first superintendent of residences. Reg came to Edmonton in 1911, helped dig the basement for President Tory's home, eventually knew every corner of campus, and eventually retired after working 45 years on campus. All that time he taught students how to live together.

General Services Building (GSB) – The General Services Building (1968) contains office and classroom space on its floors. This building is connected to NREF and the Agriculture/Forestry Centre through pedways. Academic Information and Communication Technology (AICT), Facilities and Operations, and Marketing and Communications, are some of the faculties, departments, and units located in this building.

Agriculture-Forestry Centre – The Agriculture/Forestry Centre houses the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences offices. In addition, there are teaching labs and

research facilities, including a food processing pilot plant and a 750 square meter greenhouse facility on the top floor.

Pembina Hall – Pembina Hall (1914) is one of the University oldest historical buildings. Recently renovated, the building is now home to the Faculty of Native Studies.

Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (CCIS). CCIS is one the University of Alberta's newest buildings, completed in 2011. A 40,000 sq. foot floor mosaic flows throughout the entire CCIS facility. Artist Scott Parsons overlapped and wove together imagery to visually bring together the multiple fields of science being studied by the research groups in CCIS.

Jubilee Auditorium – The Jubilee Auditorium (1957) is home to Alberta Ballet and Edmonton Opera. It is here that nearly 4300 spring graduates and 1600 fall graduates cross the main stage during convocation ceremonies.

Van Vliet Centre - The Van Vliet Centre is home to numerous athletic facilities. The Centre was named for the faculty's founding dean, Dr. Maury Van Vliet. He served the University from 1945 to 1978 as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Health Sciences Jubilee LRT (this is the closest LRT station to Lister Conference Centre)
University LRT (this is the closest LRT station to the CCIS)

Map 2: Downtown Edmonton

1: Matrix Hotel - Surrounded by office towers in downtown Edmonton, this sleek, modern hotel is a 9-minute walk from the Alberta Legislature Building and 2.6 km from Whyte Avenue's bars and boutiques. 10640 100 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 3N8 Phone:(780) 429-2861

2: Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel - Ideally located in the heart of the downtown area, within walking distance from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the University of Alberta. This Edmonton, Alberta hotel is minutes from the Shaw Conference Centre, Commonwealth Stadium, the Royal Alberta Museum and Rexall Place stadium. 10425 100 Ave NW Edmonton, AB T5J 0A3 Phone:(780) 423-5611

3: Shaw Conference Centre - Bring like minds together to network and collaborate in the Shaw Conference Centre's three flexible main exhibit rooms, offering up to 142,000 square feet of space for more than 6,000 people to meet and mingle at your convention or corporate event.

4: Central LRT Station (closest LRT to Shaw Conference Centre)

(Light-Rail Transit) LRT Information

Fare is \$3.20 to ride the LRT. Change is provided at kiosks located at Health Sciences Jubilee and Central Station. These machines take only Canadian Funds. You must keep your proof of purchase ticket (transfer) with you at all times when you ride the train and produce if asked by a Peace Officer. Your proof of purchase ticket (transfer) is good to ride the train for a 90 minute period of time. The time is stamped on the ticket. You will need to purchase a ticket in the morning on your way to the Shaw Conference Centre and at the end of the conference day when you return to campus if you are staying at Lister Hall. There is a \$250 fine for riding the train without a valid proof of purchase ticket (transfer). You can also purchase a booklet of 10 tickets for \$24.50 (\$2.45 per ride). They can be purchased in SUBMart in the Student's Union Building on Campus, for hours see there website: <http://www.su.ualberta.ca/businesses/submart/>

Online LRT ticket purchase:

<http://shop.edmonton.ca/Default.asp?c=0&ust=NgjAfoR8Ra8Nlyp5FkRCqpbYCO-HOaaY1x4l2lCuBqnzxX5EMZZNzpnDs2k4bIStcju6LyUA>

Where Can I Eat

On Campus: See Map of Campus Dining Services in your program

Lunch on Conference days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Boxed Lunch - Pick up in Hall A between 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pre-purchase required, you will receive your ticket when you pick up your registration package.

Food Trucks – If you decided not to pre-purchase a boxed lunch, food trucks will be located in the roundabout on Jasper Avenue for your convenience at each lunch hour break. Vendors take Canadian Dollars only. A variety of vendors have been secured, up to three for each day. Not all vendors are onsite for all meals.

Food trucks will also be available at CCIS on Wednesday Evening and Lister Hall on Thursday Evening.