

## **ISTANBUL Symposium 2024- ICTMD Joint Study Group Meeting**

**Applied Ethnomusicology (AE) and the Sacred and Spiritual Sounds and Practices**

**Istanbul University, Turkey, 23-27 October, 2024**

### **ADVISE**

#### **İstanbul's history**

For some knowledge about the history of İstanbul, please look at this website: <https://istanbultarihi.ist/en>

The Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar, Süleymaniye, Basilica Cistern, and others are within walking distance from the conference venue at the university.

#### **Airport arrival**

There are two airports in Istanbul: Istanbul Airport (IST) on the European side, and Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW) in Anatolia. You can use either of them; however, we suggest that you to use Istanbul Airport (IST) due to easy transfer to the conference venue. There are shuttle buses from both airports to Taksim, then you can use a taxi from Taksim to the conference venue. Taxi costs approximately 30USD; we suggest to use Turkish Lira in any situation for the payment of shuttle buses and taxis.

#### **Visas**

For visa requirements, see: <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

#### **Conference venue**

Conference sessions will be held at İstanbul University, Research Institute of Turkology located in Beyazıt, Fatih.

**Address:** İstanbul Üniversitesi, Türkiyat Araştırmaları Enstitüsü, Seyyid Hasan Paşa Medresesi Balabanağa Mah. Kimyager Derviş Paşa Sok. No:6 34080 Beyazıt/Fatih/İstanbul

**For more details and images:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cURZfhSGNzgV2DzK6>

**Please find the location of the main venue of the conference:**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6ERXGS62QbarwFj27>

## Accommodation

Below is a list of hotels that are recommended by the Local Organizing Committee. Other options can be found by using services like [Trivago](#) and [Booking.com](#)

- [Solis Hotel Beyazit Istanbul](#) (3 stars)

Location: Mimar Kemalettin Mah. Mithatpasa Cad. No: 14/16 Beyazit, Istanbul, Turkey

Contact Number: +90 212 638 40 70

Email: [info@thesolishotel.com](mailto:info@thesolishotel.com)

- [Solis Boutique Hotel](#) (3 stars)

Location: Mimar Hayrettin Mah. Balipaşa Yokuşu Sk. No: 102 Kumkapı Fatih Istanbul

Contact Number: +90 212 638 40 73

Email: [info@solisboutiquehotel.com](mailto:info@solisboutiquehotel.com)

- [Beethoven Premium Hotel](#) (3 stars)

Location: Gençtürk Caddesi Ağa Yokuşu Sokak No:6 Fatih/İstanbul

Contact Number: +90 212 520 59 90

Contact Number for Whatsapp: +90 539 853 28 14

Email: [premium@beethovenhotels.com](mailto:premium@beethovenhotels.com)

- [Holiday Inn Istanbul – Old City](#) (4 stars)

Location: Gencturk Caddesi Şirvanizade Sk No:5, Vezneciler Fatih-İstanbul

Contact Number: +90 (212) 528 18 65

Email: [info@hiistanbuloldcity.com](mailto:info@hiistanbuloldcity.com).

- [Hotel Grand Washington](#) (4 stars)

Location: Gencturk Cad. Agayokusu Sok. No:7 Laleli 34134 Istanbul

Contact Number: +90 2125116371

Email: [info@grand-washington.com](mailto:info@grand-washington.com)

- [Grand Hotel Gülsoy](#) (4 stars)

Location: Şehzadebaşı Caddesi No:9 Fatih/ İSTANBUL

Contact Number: +90 (212) 512 58 42

Email: [info@grandhotelgulsoy.com](mailto:info@grandhotelgulsoy.com)

- [Celal Aga Konagi](#) (5 stars)

Location: Kemalpaşa Mah.Şehzadebaşı Cad. No:1, 34204 - Fatih

Contact Number: +90 212 511 15 79 or +90 212 511 15 66

Email: [info@celalagakonagi.com](mailto:info@celalagakonagi.com) or [reservation@celalagakonagi.com](mailto:reservation@celalagakonagi.com)

- [Wyndham Istanbul Old City](#)(5 stars)

Location: Kemalpaşa mah Şehzadebaşı Cad Celal Aga Konagi No 1/1, Istanbul, Turkey  
34204

Contact Number: +90 212 511 15 79

- [Crowne Plaza Istanbul – Old City](#) (5 stars)

Location: Balabanaga Mah. Fethi Bey Cad. No:2 Laleli, Fatih 34134

Contact Number: 0212 514 90 00

Email: [info@cpoldcity.com](mailto:info@cpoldcity.com)

## **Airbnb Options in Vezneciler, Beyazıt, Fatih**

Please check the options from link below and choose the one suits your preference.

[https://www.airbnb.com/s/Fatih--](https://www.airbnb.com/s/Fatih--T%C3%BCrkiye/homes?adults=1&place_id=ChIJmeP65Ym5yhQR4CKL7X6E8DQ&refinement_paths%5B%5D=%2Fhomes&property_type_id%5B%5D=1&checkin=2024-10-20&checkout=2024-10-26)

[T%C3%BCrkiye/homes?adults=1&place\\_id=ChIJmeP65Ym5yhQR4CKL7X6E8DQ&refinement\\_paths%5B%5D=%2Fhomes&property\\_type\\_id%5B%5D=1&checkin=2024-10-20&checkout=2024-10-26](https://www.airbnb.com/s/Fatih--T%C3%BCrkiye/homes?adults=1&place_id=ChIJmeP65Ym5yhQR4CKL7X6E8DQ&refinement_paths%5B%5D=%2Fhomes&property_type_id%5B%5D=1&checkin=2024-10-20&checkout=2024-10-26)

## **Airbnb options in Balat**

House with amazing view - 3 bedroom

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/687500577348349850?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11001952937033&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681372916\\_E57puiO2Ddp8or2j](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/687500577348349850?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11001952937033&source_impression_id=p3_1681372916_E57puiO2Ddp8or2j)

Pistachio House - 3 bedroom

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/4456792?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000527895869&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373035\\_y%2B3PsduoDtX03ogH](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/4456792?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000527895869&source_impression_id=p3_1681373035_y%2B3PsduoDtX03ogH)

Stone House - 2 bedroom

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/48893538?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000303838153&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373100\\_COMCGK3deld8CAKG](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/48893538?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000303838153&source_impression_id=p3_1681373100_COMCGK3deld8CAKG)

Rose —3 Bedroom

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/35859895?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000053670412&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373204\\_s3YdPy1I73rX2whw](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/35859895?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000053670412&source_impression_id=p3_1681373204_s3YdPy1I73rX2whw)

Turkuaz House

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/9062366?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000053670174&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373224\\_iVl-sol%2FCzjw%2BSq53](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/9062366?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000053670174&source_impression_id=p3_1681373224_iVl-sol%2FCzjw%2BSq53)

Safran House

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/plus/24532993?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000053669630&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373270\\_T4VyhObljgit0BZh](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/plus/24532993?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000053669630&source_impression_id=p3_1681373270_T4VyhObljgit0BZh)

Tangerine House

[https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/17275805?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist\\_item\\_id=11000053669564&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1681373289\\_1jeV-qSVjOOAcVW9N](https://www.airbnb.com.tr/rooms/17275805?adults=1&checkin=&checkout=&children=0&infants=0&pets=0&wishlist_item_id=11000053669564&source_impression_id=p3_1681373289_1jeV-qSVjOOAcVW9N)

If you need additional assistant for Balat airbnb options please contact Olcay Muslu from the email below:

[admin@mirasheritage.org](mailto:admin@mirasheritage.org)

## **Restaurants**

Below is a map that shows restaurants within reach of the conference venue:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Reastaurants+nearby+%C4%B0stanbul+%C3%9Cniversitesi+T%C3%BCrkiyat+Ara%C5%9Ft%C4%B1rmalar%C4%B1+Enstit%C3%BCs%C3%BC/@41.0103881,28.9614955,16z/data=!3m1!4b1?hl=en-US&entry=ttu>

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/fatih+laleli+restoranlar/@41.0086208,28.9551244,16z>

## **Language**

Turkey's official language is Turkish but at most hotels and tourist places English is also spoken.

## **Time zone**

Turkey's time zone is GMT+03:00. The current time in Turkey can be seen at

<https://saatkac.info.tr/Istanbul>

## **Weather**

The average temperature in İstanbul during October is 17-20 degrees Celsius. Weather is usually moderate and sunny with some possibility of rain. It is recommended to bring a raincoat, umbrella and sweater. You can check the weather forecast in <https://www.mgm.gov.tr/tahmin/il-ve-ilceler.aspx?il=%C4%B0stanbul&ilce=Fatih>

## **Electrical plugs**

Turkey operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. The power sockets are of type F. It is recommended to bring power plug adaptors as they aren't available everywhere.

The congress venue will have a number of charging sockets for delegates' use. However we urge everyone to fully charge their mobiles and laptops in their hotels before arriving at the conference venue, especially those that will be using their devices for presentations or for the English/Turkish translation service that we will offer on Zoom.

## **Health**

It is recommended to get travel and medical insurance. Do not drink tap water, only drink bottled water.

The closest hospital to the venue is İstanbul Tıp Fakültesi Hastanesi <https://hastane-istanbultip.istanbul.edu.tr/tr/>

## **Safety considerations**

Turkey's main emergency telephone numbers:

- Police: 155
- Fire: 110
- Ambulance: 112

## **Currency and exchange rate**

The official currency in İstanbul is the Turkish Lira. You can find 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 Lira bills in circulation alongside 1, 0.01, 0.05, 0.10, 0.25, and 0.50 Lira coins. Money can be exchanged on your arrival at the airport, or anytime at banks and exchange houses. For more about currency and exchange rates, visit:

<https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/EN/TCMB+EN/Main+Menu/Statistics/Exchange+Rates>

**NOTE:** Please follow the updates on our [Facebook Event Page](#):