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**USEFUL INFORMATION**

🎉Benvenuti! 🎉

We are delighted to welcome you to Padova for the 2025 ST&D conference, taking place from Wednesday, July 9th to Friday, July 11th. This guide provides key information to make your stay comfortable and your participation smooth.

**✈️ Travel and Arrival Information**

**Airports Closest to Padova:**

* **Venice Marco Polo (VCE)** – ~45 minutes by train/car
* **Treviso Airport (TSF)** – ~1 hour by train/car
* **Verona Airport (VRN)** – ~1.5 hours by train/car
* **Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ)** – ~1.5 hours by train/car

**Getting to Padova:**

* **By Bus:** Buses from major airports; see
	+ **From Venice Marco Polo (VCE):** [www.fsbusitalia.it](https://www.fsbusitalia.it/eng/tourism/airport-connection-services/link-to-venice-airport.html)
	+ **From Treviso Airport (TSF):** Line 101 MOM ([mobilitadimarca.it](https://mobilitadimarca.it/p/linee-e-orari/treviso-airbus))
* **By Train:** Frequent trains connect Venice, Treviso, Verona, Bologna to Padova via [www.trenitalia.com](https://www.trenitalia.com/)
* **Taxi/Car Rentals:** Available at all major airports

**Train Station:**

* **Padova Centrale** – Main station centrally located

**Local Transport:**

* Tram and bus system operated by BusItalia Veneto
* Tickets: €1.70 for a 75-minute ride. Tickets can be purchased at Tabacchi shops, newsstands, vending machines at major stops, or via mobile apps such as "BusItaliaVeneto". You can also pay directly on-board trams and buses using a contactless credit or debit card by tapping it on the card reader near the doors. Make sure to validate your ticket upon boarding.
* Route info: [www.fsbusitalia.it](https://www.fsbusitalia.it/content/fsbusitalia/it/veneto.html)
* Taxi: +39 049 651333
* Uber

**🏫 Conference Venue**

* **Venue Name**: University of Padova Language Center
* **Address**: Via Venezia 16, 35131 Padova, Italy
* **Google Maps Link**: [maps](https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZvkjRnNpyZJH2wTYA)
* The venue is approximately a 20-minute walk or a 10-minute bus ride from the historic city center of Padova

**Venue Access:**

* Badge required for entry (badge will be provided at the registration desk)
* Free Wi-Fi will be provided
* Fully accessible building

**Wi-Fi Access:**
Conference attendees from institutions that participate in the Eduroam network can connect to Wi-Fi using their institutional credentials. Simply select the "eduroam" network and log in with your university email and password. If you are not affiliated with an Eduroam institution or encounter issues accessing the network, temporary guest credentials will be available at the registration desk.

**Sustainability Note:**
The University of Padova is committed to reducing plastic waste. In line with its no plastic bottle policy, only canned water will be available at vending machines. Free water dispensers are located on the ground floor of the venue, so we kindly recommend that all participants bring a reusable water bottle for convenient refills.

**🍽️ Food and Dining**

* **Coffee Break and Lunch:** Provided on-site daily
* **Restaurants Close to Conference Venue [walking distance from conference venue]:**
	+ Pizzeria: [Al Porteo Pizzeria](https://pizzeria-al-porteo.eatbu.com/?lang=en) [300m]
	+ Italian restaurants: [Venezia](https://www.ristorante-venezia.it/) [400m], [Zafferano](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g187867-d2039945-Reviews-Ristorante_Zafferano-Padua_Province_of_Padua_Veneto.html) [300m]
	+ Ethic restaurants: [Handa](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g187867-d23552266-Reviews-Handa-Padua_Province_of_Padua_Veneto.html) [400m], [Peace ‘n’ Spice | Portello](https://app.peaceandspice.com/portello) [vegan options, 350m]
* **Restaurants Close to the City Center [walking distance from conference venue]:**
	+ Vegetarian-friendly restaurants: [Veganda](https://social.quandoo.com/en/groups/Veganda) [2.5km], [Old England Pub](https://www.quandoo.it/en/place/old-england-pub-85979) [2.1km], [Peace ‘n’ Spice | Piazza Capitaniato](https://app.peaceandspice.com/capitaniato) [2.2km]
	+ “Osterie” (typical Paduan dishes): [Bacaro Padovano](https://www.bacaropadovano.com/) [2.3km], [Ristorante Vecchia Padova](https://www.ristorantevecchiapadova.it/) [1.6km], [Osteria Nane della Giulia](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g187867-d1433913-Reviews-Ristorante_Nane_della_Giulia-Padua_Province_of_Padua_Veneto.html) [1.4km]
	+ Pizzeria: [Ristorante Pizzeria agli Eremitani](https://www.aglieremitani.it/) [1.1km], [L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g187867-d28410312-Reviews-L_Antica_Pizzeria_Da_Michele_Padova-Padua_Province_of_Padua_Veneto.html) [1.4km]
	+ Other: see [quandoo.it](http://quandoo.it/en/result?destination=padova)

**Dining Tips:**

* Typical lunch: 12:00–14:00 | Dinner: 19:00–22:00
* Tipping is appreciated but not expected
* Tap water is safe; restaurants charge for bottled water

**⚠️ Emergency and Health Information**

* **Police, Fire, Ambulance:** Dial 112
* **Nearest Hospital:** Ospedale Civile, Via Nicolò Giustiniani 2, 35128 Padova (PD) - Tel: +39 049 821 2860
* **Pharmacy:** Farmacia Infanti Di Tessari Dr. Stefano, Via Gianbattista Belzoni, 17, 35131 Padova (PD). Monday-Friday 9:00-12:30 | 15:45-19:30

Pharmacies list: [www.ordinefarmacistipadova.it](https://www.ordinefarmacistipadova.it/farmacie/elenco.html)

**🌐 Language and Culture**

* Basic Italian:
	+ Hello: Ciao / Buongiorno
	+ Thank you: Grazie
	+ Please: Per favore
* English is widely spoken in city center and university

**📱 Useful Apps and Travel Tips**

* **Transport:** Moovit, Trenitalia, BusItaliaVeneto, Ridemovi (bike-sharing service)
* **Weather:** Expect hot and sunny weather in mid-July, with average daytime temperatures ranging from 28°C to 35°C (~ 82°F to 95°F). Light, breathable clothing, a sunhat, sunscreen, and a reusable water bottle are strongly recommended. Please be careful!
* **Electricity:** For Italy there are three associated plug types: C, F and L. Plug type C is the plug with two round pins, plug type F is the plug with two round pins and two earth clips on the side, and plug type L is the plug with three round pins (see below for examples). Italy operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

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| Type C | Type F | Type L |
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* **Currency:** Euro €. While cash can be useful for small purchases or at local markets, most shops, restaurants, and public transport services in Padova accept debit and credit cards, including contactless payments. If you need to withdraw cash, ATMs are widely available around the city and near the conference venue. You can locate ATMs via Google Maps or through your bank's app.

**🌿 Explore Padova**

* Scrovegni Chapel (masterpiece by Giotto)
* Basilica of Saint Anthony
* Cathedral and Baptistery
* University Botanical Garden
* Day trips: Venice, Verona, Colli Euganei

**🛍️ Shopping in Padova**

Padova offers a wide range of shopping opportunities, from local artisan boutiques and bookstores to high-street brands and open-air markets. **Via Roma**, **Via Altinate**, and **Piazza delle Erbe** are popular shopping streets in the historic center. Don't miss the **Mercato Sotto il Salone**, one of Europe’s oldest covered markets, offering gourmet food products and regional specialties. Most shops are open from 9:00 to 19:30 with a midday break in some cases, especially smaller stores. For more information see: [turismopadova.it](https://www.turismopadova.it/en/padua-shopping-shops-in-the-city-centre-and-in-the-outlying-areas/)

**🌇 Summer Evenings in Padova**

Padova comes alive in the evenings during July, offering numerous open-air events, concerts, and cultural happenings. Check out **Giardini dell'Arena, Parco della Musica, Navigli, and** **Parco Milcovich** for music and performances, or stroll through **Prato della Valle** for a lively and scenic experience. Outdoor film screenings, pop-up art exhibits, and aperitivo spots around **Piazza dei Signori** and **Piazza della Frutta** are also great ways to relax and enjoy summer evenings like a local. For updated listings of events, visit [turismopadova.it](https://www.turismopadova.it/en/) or check with the tourist info point.

**📗 Contact Information**

* **Organizing Committee Email:** eleonora.pizzigallo@phd.unipd.it; gerardo.pellegrino@phd.unipd.it; angelica.ronconi@unipd.it
* **Help Desk at Venue:** Ground Floor, Linguistic Center, Via Venezia 16 (during conference hours)

A WhatsApp group will be created during the conference days!

We look forward to welcoming you in Padova.

Safe trip (Buon viaggio)! 