

DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN - PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Organised by: EDDA Research Center at the University of Iceland.

When: Thursday September 27, Friday September 28 and Saturday 29.

Transport from/to airport: The transfer from Keflavík International Airport (KEF) to Reykjavík city centre takes approximately 45 minutes. Keep in mind once leaving Iceland that most airlines request that passengers check in two hours before departure.

Flybus airport shuttle takes you from Keflavik International Airport to downtown Reykjavik & back. A return ticket costs around 5500 ISK - <https://www.re.is/flybus>. The Flybus Plus ticket will get you all the way to most hotels or you can get a taxi/bus from the bus terminal to the hotel.

Taxis are also available from the airport and can also be ordered at Hreyfill, tel. +354 588 5522, and cost around 15.000 ISK one way to and from KEF airport.

Public transport to get around Reykjavík is called Stræto. You have to pay bus tickets cash in the bus or – alternatively – download the stræto app and buy the ticket there.

Accommodation: For those of you whose accommodation is funded by the project, you will be staying at the Radisson Blu Saga Hotel Reykjavík. Check-in is at 14:00 and check-out at 12:00. EDDA Center of Excellence will cover the cost of hotel rooms during the conference, including breakfast. Participants will be required to settle any additional expenses i.e. extra nights, upgrades in rooms, telephone calls, mini bar, laundry etc. upon check-out.

For those who organize accommodation individually, below you find a list of recommended hotels.

Hotel Natura
Nautholsvegur 52
101 Reykjavík
+354 444 4000 natura@icehotels.is

Apótek Hotel
Austurstræti 16
101 Reykjavík
+354 512 9000 – apotek@keahotels.is

Radisson Blue Saga Hotel
Hagatorg
107 Reykjavík
+354 525 9900 –
info.saga.reykjavik@radissonblu.com

Hotel Marína
Myrargata 2
101 Reykjavík
+345 444 4000 – marina@icehotels.is

Oddsson
Hringbraut 121
101 Reykjavík
+354 511 3579 – hello@oddsson.is

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Language: The conference will be conducted in English.

Food: During lunch break we recommend you to either stay on campus and enjoy lunch in Háma, the student cafeteria. They offer two meals every day for a reasonable price. We can also recommend Aalto Bistro at Noræna Húsið, the Nordic House on campus. Alternatively, there is Café Kaffitár in the National Museum, Kaffihús Vesturbæjar or Brauð og Co within walking distance. Information about the conference dinners will be circulated at a later point.

Visa: Participants are responsible for obtaining their visas, when required.

Weather: In September expect the temperature to be between 3°C (37°F) and 9°C (48°F). Keep in mind that Iceland tends to be rather windy and rainy.

Water: We recommend the fresh cold water that comes straight from the tap, there's no need to buy bottled water in Iceland.

Electricity: Voltage: **230 V**, Frequency: **50 Hz**, Power sockets: **type F**.

Currency: ISK – Icelandic króna. Most restaurants and shops accept major credit cards and some places accept bills (except for super markets) in some types of foreign currency (USD, EUR, GBP etc).

Time zone: GMT +00:00.

Emergency phone number: 112

Excursions around Reykjavík: If you have some extra days in Iceland and are interested in sightseeing, a Golden Circle tour would take a full day and includes Þingvellir the old parliament site and national park, the Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot spring. A trip to the Blue Lagoon takes approximately half a day (preferably on way to/from the airport).

Blue Lagoon: Please note that you need to book in advance - <http://www.bluelagoon.com/>

The Golden Circle: Several tour operators organize this for example [Gray line](#), [Golden Circle Day Tours](#), [Reykjavik Excursions](#).

Horse riding (ca. 2-3 hrs): Companies offering horse riding tours include [Laxnes](#) and [Ishestar](#) close to Reykjavík.

Exploring downtown Reykjavík is also enjoyable, especially Harpa (concert hall), Hallgrímskirkja (church), and perhaps Kolaportið (flea market, open Saturdays and Sundays) and Laugavegur (main shopping street). Walking to Perlan provides a good view over the city, and is also very pleasant.

There is a [Facebook event page](#) where you can connect with others attending.

For further questions or inquiries do not hesitate to contact Flora Tietgen, flora@hi.is