

QUICK REFERENCE: Getting to ECAS2019

ECAS2019 is spread over seven buildings, centred around George and Bristo Squares in central Edinburgh: **Appleton Tower, 50 George Square, David Hume Tower, Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre, the Chrystal MacMillan Building, McEwan Hall, and the Potterow Building.** The first five are used for panels and various events; registration desk and all keynotes/plenaries will be in McEwan Hall. McEwan Hall is where you need to head first to start your conference.

Getting to the centre from the airport

Edinburgh airport is ~12km from the city centre. The 30-minute journey can be easily made using the frequent [airport bus](#) Airlink (ticket £4.50) or tram services (ticket £6), or by taxi (estimated £25-£35) or Uber. Tram tickets can be purchased at the tram vending machines located at each tram stop. You will have to have the exact change or use a debit or credit card since the vending machines don't give any change. Once you have bought your ticket you will need to validate it on the tram. Airlink bus tickets can be bought on the internet, or on the spot from the busdriver. The Edinburgh transport app can be downloaded here: <https://tfeapp.com/>

With either transport, when you get off near the Waverley Station, you can either take a bus (eg number 3, but there are others) to the St Patrick's Square stop which is a 3 minute walk from George Square, or you can walk as indicated below. See further: [Edinburgh International Airport](#), [Airlink airport buses](#) or [Edinburgh Trams](#)

Getting to Pollock Halls from the centre

Buses 33, 2, 31 all stop within 5 minutes' walk of Pollock Halls and can be caught from various city centre bus stops. Alternatively you can walk from Waverley Station to the Halls in 26 minutes. We've put the map here: https://www.ecasconference.org/2019/downloads/wav_poll.pdf

Getting to George Square from the city centre

If you travel to Edinburgh by train or bus, you can walk to George Square

From Edinburgh Bus Station, St Andrew Square entrance (~30 minutes walk):

1. From St Andrew Square, turn left and continue until you reach Princes Street.
2. Turn right onto Princes Street until you reach the traffic lights, then cross the road towards Princes Mall. Keep Princes Mall on your left, and walk down the hill (you are now on Waverley Bridge).

From Waverley Train Station, Waverley Bridge exit (~20 minutes walk):

1. Once on Waverley Bridge, continue south until you reach a pedestrian crossing.
2. Cross over the road and go left, then at the roundabout, turn right onto Market Street.
3. Walk up the steep hill (Market Street), crossing over to the left hand side of the street.
4. At the top of Market Street, follow the road round to the left onto North Bank Street.
5. Continue walking and the road will bear right and become Bank Street.
6. At the traffic lights at the top of Bank Street, cross over the Royal Mile junction onto George IV Bridge.
7. Continue to walk straight on and at the first set of traffic lights (at the Bedlam Theatre after the Museum of Scotland) take the left hand fork as the road becomes Bristo Place.
8. Continue walking until you reach a set of traffic lights (at the junction with Teviot Place). Cross the road to the central island and then cross over on to Bristo Square, and look out for signage.
9. George Square area is also very well connected by bus to both the bus and train station. The best way to plan that trip is with the transport app: <https://tfeapp.com/>

Taxi and Uber

Taxis are available from Edinburgh Waverley Train Station and Elder Street bus station. A one way taxi fare from the station to the Central Area will cost approximately £7-£10 depending on traffic. The two largest and most reliable Edinburgh taxi firms are Central Taxis (+44 131 2015163) and City Cabs (+44 131 2281211). It is also fairly easy to hail a taxi on the busier roads, especially in the areas where the conference is taking place.

Uber is also available in Edinburgh.

What to do when you've arrived in Edinburgh

Registration will open at 14:00 on Tuesday 11th June in McEwan Hall on George Square (Teviot Pl, Edinburgh EH8 9AG).

If you arrive in Edinburgh with time to spare, we recommend going to your accommodation first, checking in or at least leaving your luggage and only then coming to the conference venue. Most accommodation facilities in Edinburgh will have instructions available on their websites on how to reach them from the airport, train and bus station. However if that is not possible we can store your luggage in the conference office, in McEwan Hall.

At any time between 14:00-18:00 on Tuesday you are welcome to visit the Reception at McEwan Hall desk to retrieve your badge and your conference programme and your beautiful conference bag. The conference bags have been made by Chanasa women. The Chanasa Women's Enterprise comprises 42 unemployed women who live in four poor suburbs of Blantyre, Malawi and they make sustainable fashion and household accessories. They do this by using recycled denim and cotton mixed with African fabrics, Mapeto Whitex 100% cotton when possible to support the local economy: <https://chanasachifundomalawi.org>

Having checked in you have two major events to look forward to on Tuesday evening: the IAI Biennial Lecture by Fatou Sow (18:15-19:30 in McEwan Hall): [The representation of women and claims to citizenship in Africa: beyond a political debate](#) and then at 21:00-01:00 [the free opening party/club night at Potterow](#), the neighbouring building to McEwan Hall. Performances from bands Kobi Onyame (Ghanaian/Glaswegian), Alla Leake (Gambian) and DJ, Plantainchipp (Nigerian/Glaswegian). The evening is sponsored by the local [Holyrood Distillery](#). As you enter you will be greeted with a free gin cocktail, and their gin will also be for sale behind the bar.

If you arrive after 6pm on Tuesday, reception desks will be open once again at 8am Wednesday.

Conference/NomadIT office

On a slightly more sober note, if you're yet to pay your conference fees, you'll need to find the NomadIT office located behind the registration desk **in McEwan Hall**. The office will be open Tue 14:00-18:00, Wed & Thu 08:00-18:30, Fri 08:00-16:00. The office will occasionally close for short breaks, with a note on the door to indicate when the team will be back in action. We can only accept payments **in cash GBP**.

NomadIT will also be providing those who have requested original printed receipts (or certificates of attendance) with manually signed documents – but please come to pick those up on a later day, not 11 or 12 June. We'd hope that the majority of delegates can manage with the downloadable versions.

Printing

If you need to print your conference paper, or a boarding pass or other short text-based document, this can be done **for 30p a page** at the NomadIT office just behind the registration desk in McEwan Hall.

Luggage and Lost-and-found

You can leave your luggage at the NomadIT office until closing times Tue-Fri. All lost items will be brought to the NomadIT office where you can retrieve them within the office hours.

Reception desk hours on all days

Registration desk opening hours: Tue 14:00-18:00, Wed & Thu 08:00-16:15, Fri 08:00-14:30.

Wifi

There is wireless access in all conference venues. If you cannot access Eduroam, you can use the Central network once you've obtained a username/password pair from the registration desk in McEwan Hall.

Panel locations

To facilitate panel-hopping, panels of a thematic stream have been allocated rooms in the same building: Anthropology and Politics and International Relations panels are all in Appleton Tower, Law and Economy and Development panels in 50 George Street, Language and Literature, History and Environment and Geography in David Hume Tower, all Health panels in Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre and all Sociology, Religion and Arts and Culture panels in the Chrystal MacMillan Building. There is a map of the venues on the back cover of the book, and conference signage gives directions to all rooms. If you have any problems finding your way around, please ask a member of the conference team for assistance.

Catering

Water: please note that for environmental reasons, water bottles will not be provided to delegates/presenters, **so please bring your own reusable bottle**. There are various points around the campus where bottles can be refilled.

Lunch is not provided as part of your registration, but most eateries on campus will be working during the conference. All the cafes, with the exception of Absorb in Appleton Tower, will be open during ECAS2019, meaning there will be lunch options available within many of the venues.

There is a wide variety of food on offer, all fresh and made to order. Cafes within ECAS venues are: David Hume Tower Café, Ground Café at Chrystal MacMillan, Quad Café at The Law School. Cafes within a few minutes' walk from ECAS Venues: Library Café on George Square Campus, Bayes Café in the Bayes Centre, Exchange Café at the Business School. A map of these cafe locations is here: <https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/our-cafes/>

Coffee/tea: registration includes refreshments (tea/coffee/water and a snack) served twice a day Wed & Thu, and once on Fri. Refreshments are NOT served in all venues. Panelists from **50 George Square** or the **Chrystal MacMillan Building** should head to **McEwan Hall** or **Potterow** for refreshments; those from panels within **David Hume** or **Gordon Aikman LT** should head to the stations in **David Hume Tower**. Stations within **Appleton Tower** can accommodate most (but not all) panelists from within AT, so if stations seem crowded, please head to **McEwan Hall** or the adjacent **Potterow**.

Book Exhibit

ECAS2019 is a great opportunity to see what is going on in a wide range of publishing houses and journals who focus in part, or in whole, on Africa. We urge you all to visit all three Book Exhibit spaces: the foyers of McEwan Hall, the Appleton Tower Concourse, and The Dome in the Potterow Building during your time in Edinburgh so as to see the various stands. Times: Wednesday 10:15-17:00, Thursday 10:15-17:00, Friday 10:15-14:30. Refreshments will be served in all of those spaces during

the breaks, there will be numerous book launches during the conference (see the [conference timetable](#) for details).

Quiet Room

If you need a room for breastfeeding, or to calm down from the general excitement of the conference, to say a quiet prayer or to meditate, please head for McEwan Hall where you will see signage towards the Quiet Room (Robing room 1). Note that this space is not suitable for working on the computer or holding meetings.

Getting around in Edinburgh

For info on taxis and buses, please see above (directions to venues).

Cycling in Edinburgh

See Edinburgh bike paths here: <http://www.cycling-edinburgh.org.uk/bike-paths.htm>

There is a bike hire scheme with docking stations at the main campus and at the Pollock Halls accommodation. For full information see:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/transport/cycling/getting-a-bike/edinburgh-cycle-hire-scheme> and

<https://edinburghcyclehire.com/> and download the Just Eat Cycles app to make use of them at £1.50 for up to an hour, or £3 for a day.

Money

The currency in the UK is pound sterling (GBP/£). Most shops, hotels and restaurants accept Mastercard, Eurocard, Visa etc, but not all businesses are equipped with this option and it is recommended to have some cash on you for quick purchases. There are plenty of ATMs in the centre and several on campus, not far from LICA/Great Hall (see the map).

Parking

Visitors to the University can purchase Scratchcards to park in the University car parks. There are two different types of Scratchcard Permit available depending on where you wish to park. See further:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/transport/parking/visitors/scratchcard-permit>

Emergency contact details

During the conference, emergency messages should be sent to admin@ecasconference.org.

Triinu Mets and Rohan Jackson, the main conference administrators, can be contacted at all times on their UK numbers (+447482613951 and +447866 425805 respectively), **but please only call outside of conference hours in an emergency.**

Photography

We will have a conference photographer working on site for most of the event capturing the atmosphere and endeavour. If you do not wish to be photographed, please mention this to the photographer who has been asked to accommodate such requests.

Given that the printed programme went to print a long while ago and is now a fictional account of what could have been if the world was a fairer place, we suggest using your portable device to check [the conference website](#) (there will be an Errata section pointing out discrepancies in the printed programme) as the timetable there is as accurate as possible. It is worth checking the [webpage of the panel](#) you're thinking of heading to, in case someone's dropped out or a convenor has rearranged things. If you find the book inconvenient to carry around, we recommend downloading the [PDF](#). The timetable and map follow.

Travel safely and see you soon!

Yours,

Triinu – with Elaine, Eli, Kristjan, Sammy and Ro of the NomadIT team

Timetable

This is best viewed online, where each item expands to give more information:

<https://www.ecasconference.org/2019/timetable>

However a print version is below:

Tuesday 11th June

07:00-08:00 Running tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
09:00-18:00 ELIAS European Librarians in African Studies 13th Annual Meeting (Edinburgh University Library)
14:00-18:15 Registration desk open (McEwan Hall entrance)
18:15-19:30 IAI Biennial Lecture by Fatou Sow (McEwan Hall):
The representation of women and claims to citizenship in Africa: beyond a political debate
21:00-01:00 Opening party/club night (Potterow)

Wednesday 12th June

07:00-08:00 Running tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
08:00-16:15 Registration desk open (McEwan Hall entrance)
08:45-10:15 Panel session 1
10:15-10:45 Refreshments (McEwan Hall, Potterow, AT Concourse, DH foyer)
10:30-12:30 Black History Walking tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
10:45-12:15 Panel session 2
12:15-14:15 Lunch
12:45-14:00 New Books on southern Africa: class, modernity, gender, the state, and families I (AT Lecture Theatre 1)
12:45-14:00 CRG Coordinators meeting (AT Seminar Room 2.04)
12:45-14:00 Publish that Article: Meet your Journal Editors (AT Lecture Theatre 3)
12:45-14:15 Concert - Ha Orchestra (St. Cecilia's Hall)
13:00-15:00 Black History Walking tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
13:00-14:00 Coordination meeting of African Studies Centres in the UK (AT Seminar Room 2.11)
14:15-15:45 Panel session 3
15:45-16:15 Refreshments (McEwan Hall, Potterow, AT Concourse, DH foyer)
15:45-16:15 Meet the authors: "Southern African Liberation Movements and the Global Cold War 'East': Transnational Activism 1960 - 1990" (Book exhibit, Potterow Dome)
16:15-17:45 Panel session 4
18:00-19:15 Welcome, Opening Keynote by Mamadou Diouf (Columbia University) (McEwan Hall)
Black Atlantic Horizons and the Practices of History: Histories of "Dismembering" and "Remembering"
19:30-20:45 Welcome Drinks Reception (National Museums Scotland)
20:00-22:15 Africa in Motion Film Festival presents: Everything Must Fall (84') (50 GS, G.03)

Thursday 13th June

07:00-08:00 Running tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
08:00-16:15 Registration desk open (McEwan Hall entrance)
08:45-10:15 Panel session 5
10:15-10:45 Refreshments (McEwan Hall, Potterow, AT Concourse, DH foyer)
10:30-12:30 Black History Walking tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
10:45-12:15 Panel session 6
11:00-12:00 Workshop on African Archives in the University of Edinburgh's Collections (Main library)
12:15-14:15 Lunch
12:45-14:00 Decolonize Now [CAS/CrAS roundtable] (AT Lecture Theatre 2)
12:45-14:00 New Books on southern Africa: class, modernity, gender, the state, and families II (AT Lecture Theatre 1)
12:45-14:00 Pitch that Article! (New Amphion Bar, Teviot Row House – off Bristo Sq)
12:45-14:00 CRG business meetings
12:45-14:00 Sabuye and Alla Leake: two short documentaries; mini-performance by three Alla Leake (Gambian) musicians; Q&A (50 GS, G.04)
12:45-14:15 Workshop - Ha Orchestra (St. Cecilia's Hall)
13:00-13:45 Book launch for Silenced Resistance: Women, Dictatorships, and Genderwashing in Western Sahara and Equatorial Guinea (50 GS, G.05)
13:00-14:00 Workshop on African Archives in the University of Edinburgh's Collections (Main library)
13:00-14:30 Reading by Zimbabwean author, Tendai Huchu (CMB, Seminar Room 2)
13:00-15:00 Black History Walking tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
14:15-15:45 Patrick Chabal keynote roundtable: Is Africa's future capitalist? (McEwan Hall)
15:45-16:15 Refreshments (McEwan Hall, Potterow, AT Concourse, DH foyer)
15:45-16:15 James Currey book launch of General Labour History of Africa: Workers, Employers and Governments, 20th-21st Centuries (Book exhibit, McEwan Hall)
16:15-17:45 Panel session 7
17:55-19:25 Panel session 8
17:55-19:25 The life and scholarship of Pius Adesanmi (DH, Lecture Room C)
19:00-21:00 Concert - Ha Orchestra (St. Cecilia's Hall)
20:00-21:45 Africa in Motion Film Festival presents: Rafiki (83') (50 GS, G.03)

Friday 14th June

07:00-08:00 Running tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
08:00-14:30 Registration desk open (McEwan Hall entrance)
08:45-10:15 Panel session 9
10:15-10:45 Refreshments (McEwan Hall, Potterow, AT Concourse, DH foyer)
10:30-12:30 Black History Walking tour of Edinburgh (Outside McEwan Hall)
10:45-12:15 Panel session 10
12:15-14:15 Lunch
12:45-14:00 Working Effectively with Scholarly Journals (AT Lecture Theatre 3)
12:45-14:00 Lit Verlag book launch IAT Lecture Theatre 1)
13:00-14:00 Talk by the curators of Contemporary Voices in Printed Textiles: Using traditional African commemorative cloths to inspire political engagement and social comment from Scottish students (Appleton Tower Concourse)
14:15-15:30 Plenary followed by handover to next host and close (McEwan Hall)
14:15-16:00 Africa in Motion Film Festival presents: Frontières (90') (50 GS, G.04)
18:00-20:00 Concert - Ha Orchestra (St. Cecilia's Hall)

Map

You may prefer to use the google map here: <https://www.ecasconference.org/2019/travel> but the map below otherwise indicates the buildings we are using.

Refreshments: remember to head north for tea/coffee in McEwan and Potterow if exiting from Chrystal Macmillan Building or 50 GS Square, or if you find the other options over-crowded.

Book exhibit: this is in McEwan Hall, Potterow and Appleton Tower.

