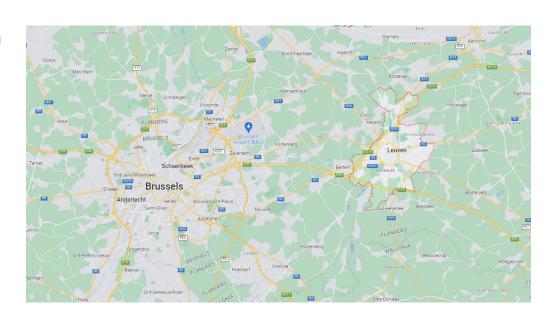




Venue

KU Leuven Leuven BELGIUM









Travelling by plane

From Brussels National Airport (Zaventem)

The easiest and fastest way to get to Leuven after arriving at <u>Brussels National</u> <u>Airport</u> is by train. At the airport, follow the train signs to get to the train station. The train station is located underneath the airport. Ask for a one way ticket to Leuven. The trip takes about 15 minutes.

For train timetables please consult: www.b-rail.be

Taxis with a taximeter are also permanently available in front of the arrivals hall.

From Brussels Midi Train Station (Brussels Zuid)

In case you arrive in Belgium by train, your final stop will probably be Brussels South (also called Bruxelles Midi or Brussel Zuid). Get to the main hall and head to the tickets area. You can buy a ticket to Leuven (or Louvain in French, but be careful: Louvain and Louvain-La-Neuve are two different places) for around € 5 euros. Ask for the next train to Leuven. The trip takes about 30 minutes. In case you arrive in one of the other two train stations in Brussels (Centraal or Noord) just follow the same procedure: head to the tickets area, pick up your ticket and ask for a train to Leuven. All trains pass through all three stations in Brussels, it is possible to get a train to Leuven in either one of them.

From Charleroi Airport

Option A: After you pick up your luggage, head to the airport ticket desk and buy a "bulk" ticket. This ticket includes the public **shuttle bus** from the airport to the train station (bus line A) and the **train ticket** from the train station of Charleroi Sud to Brussels. The shuttle will take you to the Charleroi Sud train station (18 minutes ride) where you can get the next train to Brussels. Trains leave every half hour, it takes about 45 minutes to get to Brussels Midi. Once you arrive at Brussels Midi take a train to Leuven (see above). It can take up to 2 – 2.5 hours to get you to Brussels (keep in mind that you will spend some time waiting for the next available

shuttle and train) plus the extra time you will need to get to Leuven (30 minutes + extra time waiting for corresponding train). For more information and the shuttle timetable please consult: http://www.charleroi-airport.com

Option B: You can get a **coach bus** that will take you all the way to Brussels. The journey lasts one hour. The bus will drop you at Brussels Midi train station where you can get a train to Leuven (see above). You can buy your ticket on board or via the website <u>Flibco</u>.

Travelling by bus

Take one of the following buses at the railway station in Leuven.

When you enter the campus, you will find the venue in the building 200H

- Bus 2 direction *Heverlee* (bus stop "Campus Arenberg")
- Bus 616 direction Zaventem (bus stop "Celestijnenlaan")

Buy your bus ticket in advance via the website or with the app!

Useful links

• Online route planning service of De Lijn (public transport)

Travelling by train

Useful links

- Belgian Railways
- Thalys
- Eurostar

Note: Please make sure you do not confuse Leuven (called "Louvain" in French and English) with its French-speaking variant Louvain-la-Neuve. Louvain-la-Neuve is located near Wavre and Ottignies, about 30 km southwest of Leuven. (There is an hourly train from Leuven to Ottignies and Louvain-la-Neuve).

Travelling by car

Coming by car:

On the E40, coming from Brussels, you follow direction 'E314 Hasselt – Genk – Leuven'. Then you take direction 'Leuven' – this is exit 15 on the E314. You arrive at the N264, *Koning Boudewijnlaan*. At the fourth set of traffic lights, turn right. You are now in the *Celestijnenlaan* and after two sets of traffic lights, you will see **parking** lot **De Molen** at your left hand side. This parking lot is at walking distance from the Arenberg Castle. You can only leave your car in this parking lot using the **provided code** (see "venue" page or ask about it).

Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own reservations directly with the hotels. Below, we give some suggestions, but please take the liberty to choose your hotel. Note that special offers may also be available on other sites on the internet.

Leuven city:

- The Lodge Leuven, The Shepherd
- Park Inn Leuven (***)
- The Lodge Leuven, La Royale
- Pentahotel (****)
- Guesthouse De Pastorij

Heverlee (near campus):

- The Lodge Heverlee
- Boardhouse Heverlee

Other suggestions:

Hotels Leuven and surroundings