

Dear EASA2024 Conference delegate,

With a few days till the start of the conference, this email aims to help you reach the university reception desk, and navigate the conference week:

Advice on current air and train traffic challenges

As you may have already found out, a global IT outage is currently affecting banks, airlines and also some train traffic. You will all have made various travel arrangements, it is difficult to give generic advice, so we recommend BEFORE you go to the airport or train station

1. going to the airline/trainline website to see if they have any pertinent information;
2. [for flights checking](#) in Barcelona.
3. or trains check: [local trains](#) and [Eurostar](#)
4. keep your eye on major international news outlets like BBC or Euronews to see if there any updates
5. if it looks like your flight has been cancelled, try to book and immediately inform your accommodation. Credit cards should be working even with the banking outage (if debit cards do not).

Let's hope there won't actually be any disruptions!

Between venues

The Reception desk is at the main conference venue **Facultat de Geografia i Història - Universitat de Barcelona, C/ de Montalegre, 6, Ciutat Vella, 08001 Barcelona, Spain.**

Panels and roundtables, publisher events and network meetings will take place at the [Facultat de Geografia i Història](#), as well as [Facultat de Filologia](#). For finding Facultat de Filologia on your map app, ensure you key in *Carrer d'Aribau*, to get to the correct side of the building. There are large glass doors with the name of the faculty above - it's the more modern-looking side.

Other buildings include [CCCB \(Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona\)](#), just across the street from [Facultat de Geografia i Història](#), and [Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona](#) (just a little further walk past CCCB), directions below.

The opening, keynote, plenaries and final party (and other events) will be held at the [Museu Marítim \(Museu Marítim de Barcelona - Av. de les Drassanes, 1, Ciutat Vella, 08001 Barcelona, Spain\)](#) located on the seafront. [The walk between the venues](#) takes up to 30 min, but you can also [take the L3 \(green\) metro](#) to Drassanes.

A note on capacity: [Museu Marítim](#) is limited to 1000 people, and the conference has many more. We will stream the keynote and plenaries to Aula Magna on the fourth floor in [Facultat de Geografia i Història](#). If you are running at the last minute (say 15

minutes before the plenary), we recommend you stay behind and watch from that room.

There will be shuttle buses between the venues: bear in mind that spaces are limited for those with mobility issues. If you are happy to walk, metro, or taxi, please leave spaces for those more in need:

Shuttle bus timetable (two each time):

23 July - 18:30; return 21:30


24 July - 16:30; return 19:30

25 July - 14:30; return 21:30

26 July - 14:30; return at 16:30 and 17:00

26 July - 20:30; no return (conference party)

 [View this PDF quick reference for directions, with maps and drawings.](#)

 [For other conference venues - e.g. those for events and labs - ensure you familiarise yourself with the daily timetable.](#)

Arrival - where to go and when?

Depending on your arrival time, you might want to go to your accommodation first.

IF ALREADY IN BARCELONA ON PRE-CONFERENCE MONDAY (22 JULY) - please note that you can actually come and check-in at the conference already then, from 16:30-19:00! This will help avoid the massive queues on Tuesday morning!

If you arrive on Tuesday and need to come straight to the conference venue, please see [the extensive travel information outlined on our website](#), it includes tips on how to use the local public transport system and find the venues. If you key 'Facultat de Geografia i Història' into Google Maps, it should also give you adequate travel options once you've arrived at the train/bus station or airport of Barcelona. N.B if going to [Facultat de Filologia](#) for your first session and arriving close to the session start time, head there first and then come to register, as it's a ten-minute walk!

The opening keynote and drinks reception will be at Sala Gran of the [Museu Marítim](#) (**Museu Marítim de Barcelona - Av. de les Drassanes, 1, Ciutat Vella, 08001 Barcelona, Spain**). **All are welcome!**

We really recommend using the door by the gardens to enter (just off Av. de les Drassanes), as it takes you straight to the side you need to be on, and if you arrive early you can take a seat and relax in the fresh shade.

What to bring (or procure on the spot)

1. Those not from the EU should bring an adaptor for European standard electrical sockets to be able to charge their devices (two-pronged).
2. Bring a USB or another portable device for carrying your presentation files
3. Apple users who prefer to present from their fruits should bring adaptors to facilitate that.
4. Have some cash on you (euros), but most cards are accepted in most places.
5. Sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle are a must, as the whole week will have good summer weather of around 30 degrees celsius.
6. Mosquito repellent may be useful, there are not many but for those who have allergies they can be bothersome.
7. To plan your stay in a sustainable way, please [read the advice from the Barcelona Tourism Board](#).

EASA2024 Reception desk and conference office (NomadIT) opening hours

The Reception desks are located in the ground floor foyer of **Facultat de Geografia i Història (by the info point)**. When checking-in, a team of helpful volunteers in conference t-shirts will verify your registration and, if all is in order, give you:

- a paper fan (providing air conditioning in an environmental manner)
- your badge (with party ticket if you've bought one - printed on as a dance icon 🕺🕴)
- (STRICTLY OPTIONAL) a printed summary of the main events, panel titles and maps

Reception desk opening hours

Mon 16:30-19:00, Tue: 10:30-18:30, Wed: 08:00-13:30, Thu: 08:00-13:30, Fri: 08:00-13:30

Please do not try to check in at the Reception desk before it opens or after it has closed. Note that the conference is split between the Faculty and the Maritime museum on all days, so the Reception desk will close early on Wed, Thu, Fri. **If you have a daily registration, please ensure you come in early.**

If you are yet to settle the fees: PLEASE, pretty please - try to do that prior to 21 July by card or inform us as soon as possible of the special circumstances why you need to pay at the conference. Those needing to settle their membership or conference fees will need to come to the Conference organisers' (NomadIT) office called **Laboratorio d'Antropologia** (on the first floor, next to room 105), they can

receive their book and badge from the Reception desk only after the debt is settled. The office is small and full of stressed Nomads, so for the sake of public health, safety and hygiene I implore that you all settle the fees before the event...

Catering

 **As communicated previously, NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONFERENCE.**

[The local committee and students have kindly put together a list of their recommended places to eat, on the website.](#)

There will be some nice coffee breaks though, with pastries and fruit! All conference catering will be mindful of the dietary requirements you have indicated when registering for the conference (vegan, vegetarian, food allergies) and food will be labelled accordingly.

On Tuesday 23 July, coffee in [Facultat de Geografia i Història](#) will be served on the second floor, and not in the cafeteria. On all other days, the cafeteria will also have coffee. [Facultat de Filologia](#) will also have coffee and nibbles stations during the break, so don't worry about running over between sessions if you're there.

WiFi

Eduroam wireless internet is available at UB. If you do not have Eduroam credentials, please use the temporary guest net with these credentials:

Username: ayrkfk.tmp

Password: fcii56

Printing

Printing can be done at the university through [Copisteria Niemon Impressions](#), open 09:00-14:00. You can see more [information about opening times and location on their website](#): Niemon Impresiones - UB-Facultad de Geografia e Historia, (+34) 934 03 97 07, across the courtyard, just before reaching the street on the other side of the faculty (Ramalleres).

Also in the neighbourhood is [Workcenter Ronda de Sant Pere](#), at Ronda de Sant Pere, 9, who are open late each day.

Those presenting

Please have any files you wish to present on your portable device (or USB), and bring to your panel room 15 minutes before the session, to upload and check. There will be a student volunteer team member present to assist, helpful Nomads hovering

over them - all will be well. Those of you wanting to present from Macs must bring those special adaptors!

Those convening/chairing

Please be a little early for the start of your panel as your colleagues will want to upload their presentations. Strict time-keeping is crucial to a good conference, and is one of your responsibilities - please ensure each presenter gets their fair share of the time, and do not overrun into the breaks. We have placed a laminated sheet in each room with some 'Guidelines' on chairing which we'd ask you to read, and perhaps even follow.

Timing of papers/sessions

Each session is 105-minutes long; most sessions contain five papers per session, but not all.

Labs

EASA2024 conference once again includes a great array of Laboratories. As Labs often involve a limited number of participants/attendees, we recommend [booking your place with the lab convenors and reading up on the planned activities.](#)

There are labs happening at the faculty buildings and outside, some are in panel sessions and others are in evenings, some are in a room and others are outside walking: make sure you have a good look at the timetable to not miss out on interesting content and to assess how much time it takes to move between different locations!

At the event: please don't feel discouraged from trying to attend a lab during the conference even if you didn't pre-register as sometimes pre-registered colleagues do not turn up, but be aware that this format has some restrictions and do not be upset if there's no place.

Events and meetings

As ever, the EASA conference will offer plenty of [stimulating academic events, business meetings and entertainment that can all be seen here](#) - there will be [Network meetings](#) on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to bring together people working in specific fields within anthropology (new members welcome!). There are also two art installations through the week, right at the entrance outside and on the second floor of [Facultat de Geografia i Història](#), be sure to check them out.

 **Don't forget to book into [the guided tours](#), there are still places available!**

The tours are on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, one in Spanish and one in English so mind which one you book depending on your linguistic abilities! Sign-up is on the conference timetable.

Wednesday is particularly busy with events in the middle of the day, so we highly recommend planning that day ahead, and checking on spaces available for those with limited seats before you head over!

Film programme

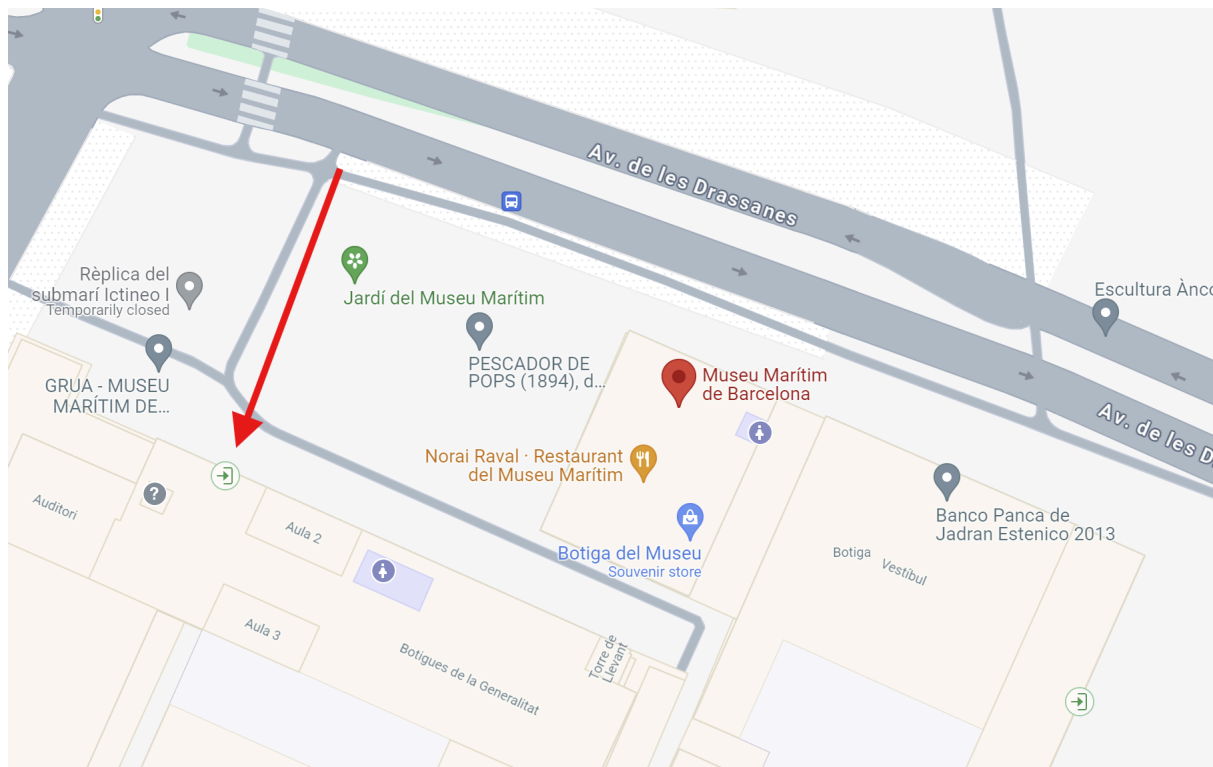
The EASA2024 film call had a very high number of submissions this year and the films that were picked into the programme should all offer options that in one way or another experiment with different ways of doing and undoing anthropology through film. [Please peruse the list of films on the film site and note the times to make the most of your conference participation.](#)

The film programme will take place in the Auditori of the fantastic [CCCB \(Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona\)](#): across the street from the main venue, through the archway in the beautiful square, go in on the right. There will be posters and signs as well as volunteers to help you there, but your route is basically straight down the ramp on the left.

Conference Party

The conference party will take place in the beautiful Sala Gran of the [Museu Marítim \(Museu Marítim de Barcelona - Av. de les Drassanes, 1, Ciutat Vella, 08001 Barcelona, Spain\)](#). This is the same place where you will have gone to the keynote, opening, plenaries etc., so you should be familiar with it by now =)

To enter the museum, it is best to use the entrance that takes you through the gardens, which is where most taxi drivers will drop you off. At later event times, the big entrance with the steps may be closed.



We invite delegates with tickets (little dancer on your badge will indicate you have bought one when registering), to come have tasty, locally sourced cuisine, with a complimentary glass of something (wine, beer, fizz). After 22:00, the music and bar will start, so you can purchase more drinks and dance until they ask us to leave at 00:15!

The final party sold a staggering 900 tickets, and at this stage we are very sorry that barring cancellations, there are no spots left. If you would like to join the wait-list, please email us on [conference\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:conference@easaonline.org)

Emergency contact details

- During the Conference, emergency messages should be sent to [conference\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:conference@easaonline.org).
- I can be contacted in emergency situations on +34 603729102 (rearranging papers on your panel is NOT an emergency).
- The number for all emergency services in Spain is 112. There will also be an ambulance on site instead of a first-aid room! So if you are in need, keep them in mind.

Making use of your portable device

- Given that the programme inevitably changes after we go to press, we suggest using your portable device to check the [conference website](#). If you

find the book a little inconvenient to carry around, we recommend [downloading the PDF version](#).

- Conference news will be posted from EASA Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/EASAINFO>) and Twitter (@EASAINFO) accounts - so make sure you like/follow those.
- The conference hashtag is #EASA2024.

Some final words of advice...

1. It's rarely we organise a conference in such perfect beach weather. This is of course, very welcome, but at the risk of sounding like your mother make sure you:

- Wear a hat
- Drink lots of water (there are water points all around the university), bring those refillable water bottles!
- Wear sunscreen
- Take it easy - us Southern Europeans have learned that pace is key: walk leisurely, take breaks (if you need to go lay down at the lunch break nobody will judge you, it is the way)
- Counter-intuitively: remember to eat! Some people feel less hungry with heat but it's important you keep your calorie intake up as you're burning off a lot.
- Do not open windows in panel rooms (or your hotel for that matter), air-con works better than the hot wind.

2. Pharmacies, shops etc. are likely (but not always) to take a middle of the day break, shutting roughly around 13:00-17:00. This does mean they are also open much later in the evenings!

3. Try out some Spanish or Catalan while you're here, many speak English, but many do not. If you speak some related language (I've been getting by with broken Spanish mixed with Italian and Genoese dialect), people are used to mixed languages so they understand and appreciate the effort!

4. There have been tourism protests in Barcelona this month, as you know. Barcelona is an extremely touristic city, this has created tension for people as their daily lives are impacted by it, in many complex ways that as anthropologists I am sure we can understand. As such we ask you to be respectful while here, and be kind to people you meet, as we know you surely will be.

5. Please look after your belongings at all times - inside buildings, public transport and on the streets. Check out Barcelona Tourism Board's safety and coexistence advice on the [dedicated website](#).

Travel safely!

Yours,
Carlotta – with Triinu, Jaan, James, Johann Sander, Annalia, Alix, Seb, Kristjan,
Winnie, Ro and Eli (NomadIT team)

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