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# REFUGEE & MIGRANT EDUCATION

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UNDERSTANDING &  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

### Transportation

- **From / to the Airport**

- **Taxis:** A taxi to/ from FCO to your destination within the city has a fixed price of 50 Euro. The taxi stop is right outside each terminal from Fiumicino Airport. The price may increase at night.
- **Trains:** The Leonardo Express is a Trenitalia train connecting Fiumicino airport with the main train station in Rome, Termini. It takes roughly 32 minutes and leaves the airport every half-hour, or every 15 minutes during peak hours. It's non-stop service from the airport to Termini. The cost is 14 Euro.
- **Buses:** The TAM, SIT and Terravision airport buses are popular and cost around 6 Euro. The buses depart from FCO and arrive at Termini Station (some have a stop at Ostiense Station to the south of the city center and a major train station). The journey takes around an hour from the airport to the city center.

- **City Transportation**

- **Metro:** There are two metro lines, an A and B line. The Vatican is on the A line and both lines connect to Termini. A one-way ticket is 1,50 Euro a day and weekly metro passes are available.
- **Buses:** The 64 bus is very popular (and usually very crowded) and runs from Termini station to the Vatican and Prati neighborhood area, with many stops in between. The buses numbered 64 and 40 link Termini station and the Vatican. Be sure to validate your ticket on the bus. Most buses now have credit card readers on board which you can tap to pay. Apps like Dropticket allow you to buy tickets on your smartphone (please note they need to be activated as soon as you get on the bus).

- **Traffic in general**

Traffic in central Rome is notoriously chaotic, and November will be especially busy due to ongoing preparations for the Jubilee in December 2024. Major landmarks are under restoration, and the city is racing to complete projects, which means scaffolding, construction, and diversions are everywhere. The new subway extension won't open until April 2025, further adding to transportation challenges.

Several bus lines have been diverted, and bus stops are often relocated without clear signage. Taxis may cancel rides if they're stuck in traffic or cannot reach you in a timely manner, especially if you book via apps like Ittaxi, Freenow, or Uber. Traffic around Piazza Venezia is particularly heavy, while the Vatican area is a bit calmer.

We recommend staying near Urbaniana University and walking to the conference venue. For those wanting to explore central Rome, walking is often the most efficient way to get around. If you need a taxi, try to call from areas with lighter traffic or use a fixed phone (e.g., 3570). For bus travel, allow extra time for delays due to overcrowding or traffic.

For ease of access, you can take the escalators up Janiculum Hill from the Vatican Coach Terminal.

## **Restaurants and Food**

No trip to Italy is complete without indulging in the local cuisine! We recommend visiting Borgo Pio, near the Vatican, where you'll find many restaurants and gelato shops to enjoy.

While Italy is known for its world-class food, some of the best restaurants are outside the tourist hotspots. Check Google Maps or TripAdvisor for hidden gems in residential areas, where you'll find affordable, fresh, and high-quality dishes.

Rome offers a variety of cuisines beyond the familiar "pan-Italian" dishes that are known across the world. Explore Jewish-Roman cuisine (kosher specialties, artichoke dishes), working-class Roman and Southern Latium dishes (like oxtail, tripe, and bacon pasta "alla gricia"), or creative modern takes on traditional recipes. Even pizza varies, from crispy Roman crust to gooey Neapolitan or the unique Roman "Pinza" base. Don't hesitate to try regional specialties and ask for recommendations at local restaurants.

- **Restaurant Ideas**

- Ristorante Abruzzi (near Pontifical Gregoriana University)
- Viva Voce (near Pontifical Urbaniana University)
- Osteria Padi (near Pontifical Urbaniana University)
- I Quattro Mori (near Pontifical Urbaniana University)
- I San Pietrini (near Pontifical Urbaniana University)
- Supplizio (near the Vatican)
- Casatino Osteria Kosher (Jewish Quarter)
- Hosteria Grappolo d'Oro (Campo di Fiori)
- Trattoria da Enzo al 29 (Trastevere)
- Tonnarello (Trastevere)

- **Gelaterie**

- Gelateria del Teatro (near the Vatican)
- Old Bridge Gelateria (near the Vatican)
- Gelateria Della Palma (Pantheon)
- La Romana Gelato (several all over the city)

### **Off the Beaten Track Tourist Attractions**

- Villa Borghese
- Galleria Doria Pamphilj
- Baths of Caracalla
- Aventine Keyhole
- Pyramid of Cestius
- Villa Farnesina
- EUR neighborhood

### **Hotels**

We do not offer a hotel contingent for conference participants.

Travel platform sites like [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or [airbnb](https://www.airbnb.com) are useful when looking for suitable accommodation.

Some religious institutes offer rooms but with certain restrictions. They can, for example, be found on the following websites: [Monastery Stays](#) or [St. Patrick's Catholica American Parish Rome](#).