



Premodern Diplomats Network

Let us begin by saying that we are very happy to welcome you all at the European University Institute for the third *Splendid Encounters* conference in March.

How to reach Florence

The closest airports to Florence are:

- Aeroporto di Firenze Peretola - Amerigo Vespucci
- Aeroporto di Pisa - Galileo Galilei (a clear description on how to reach Florence from Pisa airport can be found here:

<http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/allthingstuscany/aroundtuscany/how-to-reach-florence-from-pisa-airport/>)

How to reach the EUI from the city centre of Florence by bus

The conference will be held at Sala Europa in Villa Schifanoia, which can be very easily reached by bus from the city centre of Florence.

(<http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/LogisticsService/EUICampus/VillaSchifanoia.aspx>)

Bus tickets (biglietti) must be bought before boarding and stamped in the machine on the bus.

Tickets are on sale outside the railway station, ATAF ticket kiosks and vending machines, tobacconists, newspaper kiosks, and some bars.

For bus routes and timetables see www.ataf.net.

You can reach all sites on the EUI campus by taking bus 7 from Piazza San Marco (the bus stop is called 'La Pira' and can be found 50m from the piazza in Via Giorgio la Pira). If you come from Florence railway station (Santa Maria Novella) you can first take bus 1a, 1b, 6, 17, 23 to Piazza San Marco or walk for about 25 minutes.

Alight at bus stop 'San Domenico 01 – European University'.

From the bus stop, cross the road and take a sharp left into Via Boccaccio. Villa Schifanoia is about 150 metres down the road on the right hand side after the traffic lights.

The conference

The lunches are offered by the EUI and will be served at the canteen of Villa Schifanoia for which you will receive vouchers upon arrival. The conference dinner, if you wish to attend, will cost around 30 euros and will be held on Thursday evening.

Accommodation

Unfortunately, the EUI is not able to offer free accommodation. For those who wish to stay close the conference, Villa La Stella is in walking distance (<http://www.villalastella.it>). Prices range from approximately €60 a night for a single room, €90 for a double room, €115 for a triple room to €130 for a quadruple room - these prices might slightly vary as Villa la Stella's pricelist for 2015 is not yet available. The centre of Florence offers a wide range of hotels/B&Bs/hostels.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us! With regard to practical questions about Florence or the EUI you can also contact Laura at laura.mesotten@eui.eu.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in March!

The SEIII team,
Bobby, Anna, Samuel and Laura