

**International Conference on the  
Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations  
University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, April 25-27, 2019**

**PAPER PRESENTERS INFORMATION**

In the following sections you will find some information on the conference location, travel, presentations, and leisure activities. We hope this information will help you to enjoy a wonderful time in Neuchâtel.

**TRAVEL**

The most convenient airports are Geneva and Zurich. There are excellent train connections from Geneva/Zurich airport to Neuchâtel: From both airports there are direct connections to Neuchâtel every hour (at .05 from Geneva airport and at .13 at Zurich airport). Travel time is 1 hour 19 minutes from Geneva airport and 1 hour 48 minutes from Zurich airport. You can buy your train ticket (one-way or return ticket) directly at the train station of the airport or at the link below:

<https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>

The cost of one-way second-class ticket: 48 (from Geneva Airport) and 59 (from Zurich Airport) Swiss Franc; second class return-ticket: 96 (from Geneva Airport) and 118 (from Zurich Airport) Swiss Franc.

In addition, there is a funicular railway that takes you directly from Neuchâtel's main railway station to the main building of the University (ticket cost is around 4.40 Swiss Franc).

**WEATHER**

The average temperature in Neuchâtel in April usually ranges from 12-17 Celsius degrees.

**CONFERENCE LOCATION**

The conference takes place at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Neuchâtel, Espace Louis-Agassiz 1, 2000 Neuchâtel (cf. number 2 on the Venue Map), directly at the shore of Lake Neuchâtel and within walking distance from all hotels.

**CONFERENCE ROOMS**

Conference room is in the auditorium R48 for the plenaries. Paralle workshop sessions take place at the auditorium R48 and in room R42 – both at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Neuchâtel, Espace Louis-Agassiz 1, 2000 Neuchâtel.

**FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

For the final conference program see the link below:

<https://www.unine.ch/socio/home/conferences/international-conference-on-the/program.html>

**VISAS**

Please contact the Swiss Embassy in your country of residence as soon as you receive our letter of invitation.

## **HOTELS**

Concerning your accommodation, we recommend to book at the Hotel des Arts (<https://www.hoteldesarts.ch/node/2>). This hotel is within walking distance to the conference venue (5 min.) and offers a special price for conference participants (130 CHF per night/room included breakfast). The conference secretariat has blocked 30 rooms until April 15, 2019, first comes first served. In order to get the special price, please contact the Hotel des arts (<https://www.hoteldesarts.ch/en/contact-hotel>) by phone (00 41 32 727 61 61) or by e-mail ([info@hoteldesarts.ch](mailto:info@hoteldesarts.ch)) before March 15, 2019, and you have to mention that you will participate at the Conference on the Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations organized by the Institute of Sociology of the University of Neuchâtel.

## **REGISTRATION DESK**

Participants who have preregistered may pick up their badges and the conference kit with the printed program and the voucher for the dinner at the registration desk (Hall Auditorium R48, Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université de Neuchâtel). For on-site-registration please attend the registration desk.

The registration desk will be staffed on Thursday and Friday, April 25-26. Service hours are as follows:

- Thursday, April 25: 12:00–17:00
- Friday, April 26: 8:30–11:30

## **CONFERENCE LANGUAGE**

The working language of the conference is English.

## **WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

Five Keynotes presentation and seven Workshop Sessions are investigating the conference theme. Please refer to the detailed program for information on the sessions.

## **TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS**

The auditorium will be staffed with an “ordinary” over-head projector as well as a videobeamer for PowerPoint slide shows. If you would like to use PowerPoint slides in your presentation, we kindly ask you to e-mail us the PowerPoint file no later than April 20, 2019 ([africa-asia.conference@unine.ch](mailto:africa-asia.conference@unine.ch)). We will upload your presentation to the video beamer in the conference auditorium.

## **APÉRO-WELCOME RECEPTION**

All participants are invited to the welcome reception, in the evening on Thursday, April 25, 2019, 19:30 at the cafeteria of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Neuchâtel.

## **CONFERENCE BREAKS**

During Coffee Breaks coffee and tea will be served in the auditorium hall.

## **CONFERENCE LUNCH**

Conference lunch will be served at the cafeteria of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Neuchâtel (on Friday, April 26, 2019, and on Saturday, April 27, 2019).

## **CONFERENCE DINNER AND WORLD SOCIETY FOUNDATION AWARD 2019 CEREMONY**

All participants who have preregistered and have received a dinner voucher are invited to the conference dinner sponsored by the World Society Foundation (Friday, April 26, 19:00). The conference dinner takes place at the restaurant of the Hôtel Alpes et Lac, place de la Gare 2, 2000 Neuchâtel (within walking distance from the conference venue and all hotels, cf. number 5 on the Venue Map). During the dinner the World Society Foundation Awards 2019 will be announced.

## **OTHER AFTER CONFERENCE SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS**

Here are some suggestions for leisure and sightseeing self-organised activities:

*Neuchâtel Tourism and sightseeing:*

- *Tourist Office:* the Neuchâtel Tourist Office (office du tourisme) is located at the Place du Port. Visitors information, sightseeing brochures, city walking tours, guided visit of the Castle of Neuchâtel etc. are available. Contact: phone: +41 (0)32 889 68 90; fax +41 (0)32 889 62 96, e-mail: info@ne.ch  
(see also <http://www.neuchateltourisme.ch/e/home/>)
- *Funicular railway Chaumont:* Just 5 minutes from the town centre, the funicular La Coudre-Chaumont offers you a panoramic view on the three lakes and the Alps.
- *Botanic garden of the University of Neuchâtel:* Permanent exhibitions and wide spaces dedicated to the natural environment of the Jura can be discovered all year round. Temporary scientific and artistic exhibitions organized from May to October  
(see <http://www2.unine.ch/jardin>)
- *Tourist train:* The tourist train of Neuchâtel runs daily at 1:45 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:45 pm, 4:45 pm.
- *Natural History Museum:* see <http://www.museum-neuchatel.ch/new/index.php>
- *Museum of Ethnography:* see <http://www.men.ch/>
- *Dürrenmatt Center:* The Dürrenmatt Centre – built by Mario Botta – reveals the pictorial and literary work of Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1921–1990), one of Switzerland's most important writer and dramatist (see <http://www.cdn.ch/html/home.html>)
- *Laténium - Park and Archaeological Museum of Neuchâtel:* see <http://www.latenium.ch/>
- *Wineries:*
  - Caves de la ville de Neuchâtel: [www.cavevillentel.ch](http://www.cavevillentel.ch)
  - Sandoz Vins: [www.sandoz-vins.ch](http://www.sandoz-vins.ch)

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- Caves de la Béroche: [www.caves-beroches.ch](http://www.caves-beroches.ch)

*Out-of-Town attractions:*

- *La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle / Watchmaking Museums:* The two watchmaking metropolises situated on the Jura plateau (1000 m) are easily accessible (from Neuchâtel, 30 minutes by rail). Two famous watchmaking museums are the International Watchmaking Museum of La Chaux-de-Fonds (see [www.mih.ch](http://www.mih.ch)) and the Horological Museum of Le Locle (see <http://www.mhl-monts.ch/fr/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=1>). In La Chaux-de-Fonds you can also visit the Le Corbusier's Maison blanche (see [www.maisonblanche.ch](http://www.maisonblanche.ch)).
- *Boat tours:* There is an excellent boat service on the lakes of Neuchâtel, Morat/Murten and Bienne/Biel (see <http://www.navig.ch/navigation.php?id=9&page=accueil>)
- *Gorges de l'Areuse:* The Gorges de l'Areuse is a narrow gorge through the limestones of the Jura. The Areuse river springs at Saint-Sulpice in the Jura mountains and drains to the south, towards Lac de Neuchâtel. Take the train from Neuchâtel main station to Val-de-Travers and get off at the railway station of Noiraigue. Hiking time from Noiraigue to Boudry (train station or tramway station) is about 3 hours. There is a beautiful restaurant (l'Hôtel de la Truite) at Champ-du-Moulin (after 1 hour hiking).
- *Creux du Van:* The Creux du Van – the Grand Canyon of Switzerland – is a long, half rounded cliff that developed naturally through erosion. Its walls are up to 200 meter high. On clear days you can see Lake Neuchâtel and the Alps. A trip to the Creux du Van is highly recommendable, even for persons with slight walking ambition. Take the train from Neuchâtel main station to Val-de-Travers and get off at the railway station of Noiraigue. Hiking time to the top point (800 m) is about 2 hours. Nearby (5 minutes) is the farmhill restaurant "Le Soliat". You can also take the bus at Couvet (Val-de-Travers) or Yverdons-les-Bains to La Combaz (bus service, however, is not frequent).
- *Historical sites and Burgundian Castles:* There are several historical sites and castles in the surroundings of Neuchâtel:
  - Castle of Boudry, also known for its Wine Museum (see <http://www.chateauboudry.ch/>)
  - *International Workshop on Partial Orders, Participants Information, 28 June 2018 4*
  - Castle of Vaumarcus (see <http://www.chateauvaumarcus.ch/>)
  - Castle of Grandson (see <http://www.chateau-grandson.ch/>)
  - The farmhouse "Le Grand-Cachot-de-Vent" built in 1531 (see <http://www.grandcachot.ch/>)