

Important Information for the LIFE Fall Academy 2017

Location

The Fall Academy will take place in Zurich at the **Kirchgemeindehaus Obertrass** (the local protestant community center). Participants from Germany and the US will be staying at the **Leonardo Boutique Hotel Righof**, which is only a few walking minutes away from the community center.



The address of the hotel is: Universitätstrasse 101, 8006 Zürich (see also: <https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-boutique-hotel-righof-zurich>)

Please check in with your name as well as identify as a member of LIFE. Fellows will share a room. A very nice breakfast is included in your hotel room - there will be no breakfast provided at the Academy. Hence, please take sufficient time for breakfast at the hotel before coming to the Academy.

We will prepare a lunch package that you will receive at the hotel on October 15. Should you want to go to a restaurant or consume anything else, please note that we cannot reimburse you. This applies to everything you consume in addition to or outside the meals that we will provide. This also includes room service or drinks you may want to have at the hotel.

Transportation

How to get from Zurich Airport to Leonardo Boutique Hotel Rigihof

The hotel is conveniently located on tram line 10, which runs every 7 minutes from Zurich Airport (Zürich Flughafen) to the Main Station (Bahnhofplatz/HB). Follow the signs from the arrival gate to the tram stop, located outside next to the bus terminal.



You will need to get out at the stop “**Winkelriedstrasse**”, which is right in front of the hotel. The ride from the airport to the hotel takes approximately 30 minutes.

Please note that you need to purchase a ticket *before* you board the tram. You can do so at the tram stop using the touch screen machine.

- 1) Choose the option “Zurich Hauptbahnhof” (= “Zurich main station”) which includes the necessary number of zones for the station of the hotel.
- 2) Be sure to choose a one-way ticket (“→”) for an adult (“1/1”). After confirming your selection, the price will be displayed (CHF 6.80).
- 3) You can use cash, debit or credit card for the payment. If you use cash, be aware that the machine only takes coins. The key pad for inputting your code is next to the display.
- 4) At the end of the dialogue, the machine will ask you if you would like a receipt. Please confirm.

Be sure to keep your ticket for reimbursement.

We will try to organize that fellows will meet the guests coming from the US at the airport and bring them to the hotel. We trust that the German speaking fellows and faculty coming from Berlin will be able to follow the very simple directions and get there on their own. Let us know if you require any additional assistance.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). When you arrive at Zurich Airport, go to either the staffed exchange office located in the arrival hall or the one in the passenger area. (There are signs directing you to them). The current exchange rate is \$1 = 1 CHF.

In addition, there are ATMs in both the arrival hall and the passenger area. There is also a Credit Suisse ATM next to the hotel.

Electric Power Supply

You will need an adapter to connect your electrical appliances (e.g., laptop) to the Swiss power network. They are part of all international adapter sets, or you may purchase an adapter at the electronics shop in the airport building, if you forget to do so at home. Note, that there is no electronics store right next to the hotel.

Swiss outlet:



Electricity is 220-240V, so—if you are coming from the US—check whether your appliances can be switched to the higher voltage (American outlets are 120 volts). If they cannot, you will need a converter as well as an adapter.

Weather and clothing

In the fall, the average temperature in Zurich 11°C/51°F, so you should bring along long pants and a warm sweater and a windbreaker or jacket. Also, there are about 10 days of rain in October, so there is a good chance that we will encounter a rainy day or two during the Fall Academy. Please bring rain gear.