

CETL-MSOR Conference 2009 - Further Information and Joining Instructions

Location

The Open University has its headquarters at Walton Hall, in Milton Keynes which is midway between London and Birmingham, and Oxford and Cambridge. The OU is sited on the South East side of Milton Keynes. It is close to Junctions 13 and 14 of the M1.

Please click <http://www3.open.ac.uk/contact/locations.aspx> for maps.

By Car

From M1, Junction 14: Follow signs for Milton Keynes, taking A509 to first roundabout (Northfield roundabout). Take first left A5130 signposted to Woburn Sands for two miles. At next roundabout (Kingston roundabout) with BP garage on left, take third exit signposted A5/Aylesbury/Dunstable/Walnut Tree/Universities. Go straight over the next roundabout (Walnut Tree). At the following roundabout (Walton), turn right, then first left for the East entrance to the campus. Main reception is located in the Berrill Building.

From M1, Junction 13: Follow signs for Milton Keynes, taking A421 for 3 1/2 miles to the Kingston roundabout. Take second exit onto Groveway (H9), signposted A5/Aylesbury/Dunstable/Walnut Tree/Universities. Go straight over the next roundabout (Walnut Tree). At the following roundabout (Walton), turn right, then first left for the East entrance to the campus. Main reception is located in the Berrill Building.

By Train

The University is about four miles from Milton Keynes Central station, on the London (Euston) to Birmingham line. MK Central is an Intercity stop. Trains are frequent and the journey time from Euston varies between 35-60 minutes.

By bus

The University is served by a number of public bus services including services to and from Milton Keynes Central Rail Station. See <http://www.open.ac.uk/travel-advice/index.shtml> for further details or for full details, see the Milton Keynes Council bus timetable information page (<http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/displayarticle.asp?id=57102>).

In addition to public bus services to and from the station, the University operates its own peak hour station shuttle bus (costs £1). This is a direct service taking approx 15 minutes and is operated by Souls (pick up at bus stop No. 34 at the station. See <http://www.open.ac.uk/travel-advice/p5.shtml> for further details.

By air

Milton Keynes is well served by London Luton and Birmingham airports. A train services runs from Birmingham International to Milton Keynes, and a coach service from London Luton to Milton Keynes Coachway.

Transport and travel arrangements

Map of the OU campus and parking

For a map of the campus please see the attached. Due to the volume of staff on campus, parking spaces can be limited; we would recommend using the South West, Church or East parking overspill car parks numbered 7, 8 and 9 respectively on the attached map.

Arrival and Registration

Registration

On your arrival please make your way to Berrill Foyer where registration will commence at 9.00 – 10.00 on the 7th September. Anyone unable to register at these times can also register during lunch in the Michael Young Building 1-4 at 13.00 – 13.45 on the 7th September and 8:45 – 9:30 on the 8th September in the Berrill Foyer.

Registration for sessions

Please note, workshop sessions will require sign up. Workshop sessions will have a restriction on numbers for health and safety reasons (e.g. they are in computer labs with restricted seating). Therefore, during registration on the 7th and 8th September you will be invited to sign up for Workshop sessions. Registration for Workshops will be on a first come first served basis. **You will also need a Guest login for the workshops** in the computer lab (Library Information Suite). Please contact us before you arrive if you haven't yet requested one. Workshop abstracts are available online at: <http://mathstore.gla.ac.uk/conference2009> & will also be in the Conference programme. **Please read workshop abstracts in advance to help you make your selection.**

There is no need to pre-register for the parallel paper or plenary sessions. These will all be in large rooms catering for a minimum of 50 delegates so there should be no problem accommodating everyone that wishes to attend a session.

Storage of coats and luggage

As some of you may not be coming straight from your hotel we will have a secure room available for you to store light luggage and coats until the end of the first day of the conference. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK LUGGAGE UP AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES (DETAILED BELOW). Similarly, as you will be checking out of hotels, we will make this option available for the second day, so you can check your coats and luggage in to a secure store during registration on the second day too.

To check in your luggage:


- Monday 7th September 9.00 – 10.00 Berrill Foyer
- Tuesday 8th September 8.45 – 9.30 Berrill Foyer

Luggage pick up:

- Monday 7th September 16.15 – 16.45 Berrill Foyer
- Tuesday 8th September 16.30 – 17.00 Berrill Foyer

Housekeeping

Smoking policy

The Open University operates a No smoking policy. Please be respectful of this policy whilst on campus. All premises are designated smoke free. Smoking is not allowed in any part of any building, including bars and eating areas. Smoking is not permitted in or at entrances to the buildings. Smoking while on site is only allowed outdoors in designated 'Green' areas (indicated S on map .

Campus Facilities

Bank: A sub-branch of the National Westminster Bank is situated on the ground floor of M Block, next to the shop (see map). It is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. THERE IS NO CASHPOINT ON CAMPUS).

Shop: The shop is on the ground floor of M Block, next to the bank. It is open from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Monday - Friday. It stocks a selection of confectionery, sandwiches, groceries, newspapers, magazines, fresh produce, ice cream, greetings cards, stamps and gifts.