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WELCOME

Dear colleague,

Welcome to ECER 2022 in Yerevan and ECER Plus (online). These opening words give some idea about the novel and innovative space that ECER has moved to over the last few years. From a position in 2019 where in-person conferences were the norm we organised a hugely successful virtual conference last year, and are now offering both an in-person and virtual meeting for the first time. These transitions and innovations are only possible as a result of the extraordinary commitment and professionalism of our Networks, our National Associations, our Berlin Office and the support of our partners in the Local Organising Community. We hope that through our combined efforts the dynamic, engaged and supportive community of educational researchers who make our annual ECER such an exceptional event will have an opportunity to engage with each other both in person and online. With 1561 papers submitted between ECER, ECER Plus and the Emerging Researchers' Conference (ERC) we are confident that the meeting will be one that brings a wide range of research to a European and global audience.

The theme of this year's conference is "Education in a Changing World: The impact of global realities on the prospects and experiences of educational research". The theme suggests that we engage in research in a context that is marked by the twin realities of interdependency and individuality. While we increasingly see trends impacting on educational provision and research that emerge and are advocated for at a global level, we are also more conscious of the importance of contextually embedded, locally relevant and meaningful research and practice. The tensions – at times creative and at times destructive – that emerge from these twin pillars are at the heart of many of the papers submitted this year. We are also extremely lucky to have the opportunity to discuss this complex and interesting theme in Armenia, a country that draws on an ancient and rich history to inform its continuing and dynamic transition as a society.

At the heart of this process is an education system that is informed by and informs our hosts in ERAS and Yerevan State University.

When originally planned, it was assumed that the conference would reflect on a world and a research community that had been deeply impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

While this will still be the case, it is also certain that the return of the horrors of full scale war to the European continent will influence what we do as researchers and how we conceptualise it. As a values based organisation which commits itself to engaging in research for the benefit of society, EERA has explicitly condemned the invasion of Ukraine and is actively supporting the research community there through engagement with our colleagues in the Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA).

As an Association EERA remains committed to providing a platform where researchers from across Europe and beyond can come together to engage in and share research that benefits society as a whole. We firmly believe that educational researchers have a pivotal role to play in the understanding, critique and shaping of educational provision and policy in a manner that enhances the lives and opportunities of all our fellow Europeans. At the heart of this agenda remains the dynamic, engaging and supportive community of researchers who attend our annual

ECER meeting. We welcome you once again to this our first ECER and ECER Plus meeting and wish you good discussions, good friendships and good fun!

Joe O'Hara, EERA President

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There are many others who deserve a mention here and to whom we would like to express our gratitude, especially those colleagues who have contributed their time and ideas to, for example, chairing ERC sessions or taking part in the ERC “Lunch Session with Local Academics”. Special thanks go to **Manana Nersisyan** for designing all visual materials of ECER 2022 Yerevan (so smile, everybody!).

Acknowledgements

The main objective of the LOC is to make participants’ visit to ECER sessions and central events at Yerevan State University, as well as to the city of Yerevan, as productive and pleasant as possible! This could not be achieved without the backing of our very generous supporters to whom we owe a great deal of gratitude. First and foremost, we would like to thank **UNICEF**, with which support and

a great contribution to the solution of organizational issues ECER 2022 would have been possible. Many thanks also to **Teach for Armenia** for playing important role and for solving challenging issues for ECER 2022 at Yerevan State University.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Prof.,Dr. **Hovhannes Hovhannisyan**, the Rector of Yerevan State University, for productive collaboration, as well as the University Administration for their unwavering help and cooperation during months of planning. Yerevan State University has made its rooms, facilities and infrastructure available to the ECER free of charge. Without such generosity, this wonderful event simply could not have happened.



CITY OF YEREVAN

A city with over 2800 years of history, yet one of the most modern and dynamic capitals, situated at the crossroad of Europe and Asia.

Yerevan is the capital and largest city of Armenia and one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Situated along the Hrazdan River, Yerevan is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country. It has been the capital since 1918, the fourteenth in the history of Armenia and the seventh located in or around the Ararat plain. The city also serves as the seat of the Araratian Pontifical Diocese; the largest diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church and one of the oldest dioceses in the world.

History

The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC, with the founding of the fortress of Erebuni in 782 BC by King Argishti I at the western extreme of the Ararat plain. Erebuni was «designed as a great administrative and religious centre, a fully royal capital.» By the late ancient Armenian Kingdom, new capital cities were established and Yerevan declined in importance. Under Iranian and Russian rule, it was the center of the Erivan Khanate from 1736 to 1828 and the Erivan Governorate from 1850 to 1917, respectively. After World War I, Yerevan became the capital of the First Republic of Armenia as thousands of survivors of the Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire arrived in the area. The city expanded rapidly during the 20th century as Armenia became part of the Soviet Union. In a few decades, Yerevan was transformed from a provincial town within the Russian Empire to Armenia's principal cultural, artistic, and industrial center, as well as becoming the seat of national government.

Transformation

With the growth of the Armenian economy, Yerevan has undergone major transformation. Much construction has been done throughout the city since the early 2000s, and retail outlets such as restaurants, shops, and street cafés, which were rare during Soviet times, have multiplied. As of 2011, the population of Yerevan was 1,060,138, just over 35% of Armenia's total population. According to the official estimate of 2016, the current population of the city is 1,073,700. Yerevan was named the 2012 World Book Capital by UNESCO. Yerevan is an associate member of Eurocities.

City of Water

Yerevan is the capital of free water. Everywhere around the city you can find waterworks with drink water or drinking water fountain which is called "Pulpulak" in Armenian language. So that here you do not need to buy water bottles anymore and spend money on plastic. Everywhere is well hydrated.



YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Yerevan State University was founded in 1919. Nowadays there are several buildings for the approximately 20,000 students who study at the 19 faculties, where 1660 professionals are organizing the educational process now.

Today the main building of the Yerevan State University is situated in the heart of the Capital of Armenia, in the center of Yerevan. The building speaks for itself. The main building is very large and provides many opportunities for students and for the community - it is as long as long-term missions of the university, and as mysterious as human thought. It has very special architectural features.

Read more: www.y-su.am/main/en

ECER Session rooms at the University

All regular ERC and ECER Sessions will take place in the central building of the university and its adjacent wings.

Only the Main Entrance will be open during ECER. Right behind it, in the Main Foyer, you will find the Check-in area with the EERA Desk and the Local Help Desk.

The room names indicate the location of the rooms, for example:

Int.2.102

Int. This is the abbreviation of the faculty

2. This indicates the wing of the building

102. The first digit indicates the floor.

So this room is in building 2 on the 1st floor.

IMPORTANT: In Armenia the ground floor is called 1st floor, as in the US.



FACILITIES IN THE SESSION ROOMS

All session rooms will be equipped with a computer and a projector/beamer. Loud speakers (if needed) can be provided at the check-in desk.

WiFi at YSU (name: YSU_WiFi)

Free WiFi will be available for all conference participants in all areas of Yerevan State University.

EDUROAM (Education roaming) wireless internet at YSU

Since 2020 Yerevan State University has joined “Eduroam”. Eduroam is an international wireless internet service intended for the representatives of educational and scientific institutions. It enables scientists, educators and students to get free wireless internet connection with their home university accounts in all the institutions of the world where the “Eduroam” service is available.

GETTING THERE

Getting from the Airport to the University or City Center

By Taxi

The distance from Zvartnots International Airport (EVN) to city center Yerevan and YSU main building is 12 - 13,3 km (15 - 18 min) by taxi and will cost 5 - 6 EUR. There are different mobile apps via which it is possible to reach taxi. We really recommend using these mobile apps, because they help drivers to correctly see on the map where you are waiting for the car and where you are going to go. You will see the exact cost of the trip in the mobile-apps again. Taxis are available 24 hour/7 days. There are airport taxis and also taxis with the apps can be reached at the airport. Airport taxi drivers are waiting for the passengers in front of the entrance of airport. It is easy to get the contact with them. If you have decided to use taxi apps, you have to wait for your taxi also in front of airport entrance.

Please, read also the information under the subtitle Taxi and Taxi Apps (page 15)!

By Bus

There are also busses from the airport to Yerevan city centre. The buses have fixed schedule and are working only during the day, but not during the night.

GETTING AROUND

Getting to the University

Yerevan's city centre is rather small and walkable. The main building of Yerevan State University, where the conference will take place, is located in the very heart of Yerevan. It is possible to get to the YSU main building by Metro (Station: "Eritasardakan", ticket is 100 AMD or 0.19 EUR), by bus (Station: "Shrjanayin", ticket is 100 AMD or 0.19 EUR) and by Taxi from elsewhere in the city, paying 2 - 5 EUR.

Public Transport

There are different types of public transport in Yerevan: underground or Metro, bus/minibus, Trolleybus routes.

Getting your tickets:

- In case of busses/minibus and trolleybuses you pay directly to the driver or throw 100 AMD to the boxes situated in front of vehicle next to the door.
- In case of Metro you have to buy exact coins at the cash register next to the entrance of Metro Station. Without these coins you can't proceed to the Metro. Only after paying exact coins and throwing these coins to the boxes next to wicket, they will be opened and you can proceed to the Metro. ticket is 100 AMD ~ 0.19 EUR.

Language in Public Transport:

The names of all public transport stations are in Armenian and the conductor usually announces them. The names of metro stations are written on the walls with Latin letters, too.

The Metro stations are:

"Barekamutyun" ("Friendship") - "Marshal Baghramyan" - "Yeritasardakan" ("Youth") **[the station near to Yerevan State University]** - "Hanrapetutyan Hraparak (Republic square)" - "Sasutnsi David" - "Gortsaranayin" ("Factory") - "Shengavit" - "Garegin Nzhdeh square" - "Zoravar Andranik" - "Charbakh".

Mobile App for Public Transport in Yerevan

The app A2B Transport is very useful: <https://a2b-transport.en.ap-toide.com/app>

Website to Plan your Trip

The tool on this website will help you find out how to get from address A to address B, and also shows a map of the trip. <https://t-armenia.com/en>

Taxis

Taxis are a good way to get around Yerevan. The minimum taxi fee is 800 - 1000 AMD (equals 1.5 - 2 EUR), which covers first 6 km and every additional km will cost 500 AMD or 1 EUR).

Taxi Apps

There are different mobile-apps via which it is possible to call a taxi. We really recommend using these mobile-apps, because they help drivers to correctly see on the map where you are waiting for the car and where you want to go. You will also see the exact cost of the trip in the mobile-apps directly.

Most useful taxi apps in Yerevan, which are also user friendly and very easy to manage, are followings:

- **GG**
- **Utaxi**
- **Yandex**

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Time Zone

The time zone in Armenia is UTC +4 - Armenia Standard Time (AMT).
Time Zone Converter: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>

Numbers in Emergency Situations

General emergency: 112 or 911

Fire: 101

Police: 102

Ambulance: 103

Mobile telecommunication operators

You can buy universal payment cards for mobiles. The prices for mobile phone cards vary from 1000 AMD (or about 2 EUR) to 10 000 AMD (or about 20 EUR). There are three mobile telecommunication operators in Armenia:

- team Telecom Armenia
- U!com
- Viva-MTS

All operators provide all services for internal and international calls, as well as for mobile internet. Please, go to the official websites of the operators and be informed about the service costs! All operators have service points at the EVN airport, as well as in the city.

Medical Treatments

The European Health Insurance Card that all EU citizens can obtain and use in foreign EU countries is not valid in Armenia. Should you need medical treatment, you would have to cover the costs yourself. Therefore you should make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 103 and ask for an ambulance. You should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.

Plugs

For Armenia there are two plug types, types C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Armenia operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Voltage converters and transformers

Electricity supplies worldwide can vary from anything between 100V and 240V. It can be extremely dangerous to use an electrical appliance that is rated at a voltage different from the supply. As voltage can differ from country to country, you may need to use a voltage converter or transformer whilst in Armenia.

Shopping

There are different types (small shopping centers, big supermarkets, hypermarkets, large shopping malls, etc.) of shopping places in Yerevan. Supermarkets, where it is possible to buy food, groceries and household items also online in Yerevan, are open 24 hours/7 days. If you are intending to pay cash it is possible to pay only with Armenian Drams (AMD). But also all types of cards (Visa, Master Card, Maestro Card, American Express, Dinners Club, etc.) are accepted in Armenian supermarkets – but not everywhere in smaller shops.

Tipping Etiquette

Service and VAT are included in the menu price in restaurants, bars, etc., all over Armenia. Tip is not included. Amount of tip is 5 – 10 % of paid amount.

Smoking Policy

An anti-smoking law was passed by the Armenian parliament. It bans smoking while driving cars or buses and imposes a ban on tobacco advertising. The ban on smoking in cafes, restaurants and other public catering facilities will enter into force in March 2022.

Language

Armenian is the official language and is spoken by the majority of its population. Russian is the best known foreign language among the Armenian population. All volunteers who are going to be with the organizing team during the conference and who will be in all areas where conference will be held will speak English and assist the conference participants to find the information they need.



CONFERENCE DETAILS

Buildings

Emerging Researchers' Conference (ERC)

The ERC (22 - 23 August) will take place in the 2nd building located within the main/central building. Please refer to the maps and locations within this Venue Booklet for detailed information!

European Conference on Educational Research (ECER)

ECER (23 – 25 August) will take place in the main/central building of Yerevan State University, Alex Manookyan 1, 0025 Yerevan. Please refer to the maps and locations within this Venue Booklet for detailed information!

Help Desks and EERA Desk

Throughout the week, the Local Help Desk and the Tourist Desk can be found in the Main Foyer of the main building. The EERA Desk is also located in the Registration area close to the Check-in Desks.

Computer Access / Internet / PrintPool

In case you need to use a computer, feel free to do so (free of charge) in the Library Building. Follow instructions inside the room to log in. At the PrintPool, which is also located in the Computer Area in the Library Building, you can print up to five pages for free. You will have free WiFi in all areas of the University Building.

Luggage Room / Lost & Found

The Luggage Room, as well as the Lost & Found rooms are located in the main entrance foyer of the University Building.

ERC Poster Sessions and ERC Coffee Break Poster Exhibition

The Emerging Researchers' Conference will include four interactive poster sessions which will take place on Monday, 22 August after

which all posters will be displayed in the Library Foyer during the coffee break Tuesday 10:30 - 11:00. Be sure to stop by to view all posters and talk with the poster authors.

ECER Poster Sessions

ECER 2022 will host a General Poster Session as well as Interactive Poster Sessions and Paper/Poster Sessions. The General Poster Session, where the poster authors will be present to answer questions and discuss their posters, will take place on Wednesday, 12:15 - 13:15 in the Main Foyer/ in front of Registration Desk. The posters in the exhibition can be viewed from Wednesday noon on.

The posters being presented in the Interactive Poster Sessions and Paper/Poster Sessions will not be exhibited in the General Poster Exhibition area but will hang for the duration of the conference in the network session room where the Interactive or Paper/Poster session will take place. More information on ERC and ECER Posters can be found in the conference programme.

Exhibition of Publishers and Research Instruments

Come visit our exhibitors in the Poster Area in the Main Foyer. For more details on all exhibitors please consult the Whova App.

Coffee Breaks

ERC

The catering stations for the coffee breaks are located in the Foyers of the 2nd building. Please wear your badge when heading for coffee and refreshments, thank you. The lunch vouchers can be used in the university's canteens. Please find the canteens' location on the location map!

ECER

Coffee, tea, water, fruits, sweet and salty snacks will be on offer during coffee breaks. The stations are located in the Foyers of 2nd and 3rd buildings. Please wear your badge when heading for coffee and refreshments, thank you. Refer to the maps and locations within this Venue Booklet in order to identify the nearest catering station next to you.

ERC Social Event

Starting at 18:30, the ERC Social Event will take place on Monday 22 August at “Lover’s Park”, which is also well known as Boghosian Gardens, 21 Marshal Baghramyan Ave, Yerevan 0019, Armenia. Please wear your badge and bring your Eventbrite Ticket. Please note that pre-booking is required. For onsite bookings please ask at the Team Leader Desk.

ECER Welcome Reception Tuesday Night

The ECER Welcome Reception will take place on Tuesday 23 August at 19:00 in the Main Foyer of YSU, where the Registration Desk is located. A band will be playing, and light finger food will be served.

Certificates of Presentation and Receipts

Should you need original signatures and stamps, there will be a certificates print off counter in the Check-in area from Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure you have the login details for your user account at hand.

ERC Best Poster Award

The winner of the ERC 2022 Best Poster Award will be announced during the ERC Closing Ceremony on Tuesday at 17:00. The award includes a free entry to next year’s ERC and ECER Conferences in Glasgow and a travel grant of €550.

ERC Best Paper Award

After the Emerging Researchers' Conference, participants are invited to hand in full papers to the Best Paper Award. An EERA committee will review the submissions.

A paper can be submitted by more than one person (maximum three), but each person must fulfil the following criteria: All authors must be enrolled in a PhD programme, or must have earned their PhD degree not longer than 6 years ago and must be in the early stage of their careers (not professors).

The successful author will be offered free entry to next year's conference in Glasgow, a travel budget, and their paper will be considered for publication in the EERJ (European Educational Research Journal).

ECER Award

Best Poster Award

The winner(s) of the Best Poster Award will be announced at the ECER closing ceremony on Thursday 19:10 - 19:30. EERA will offer one free entry to ECER 2023 in Glasgow to the authors of the winning posters.

2 tweet or not 2 tweet?

As you know, conference participants are often very active on social media, especially via Twitter. While many scholars appreciate having their name and associated work shared via social media, others would prefer their work not be shared.

We would like to invite you to do the following:

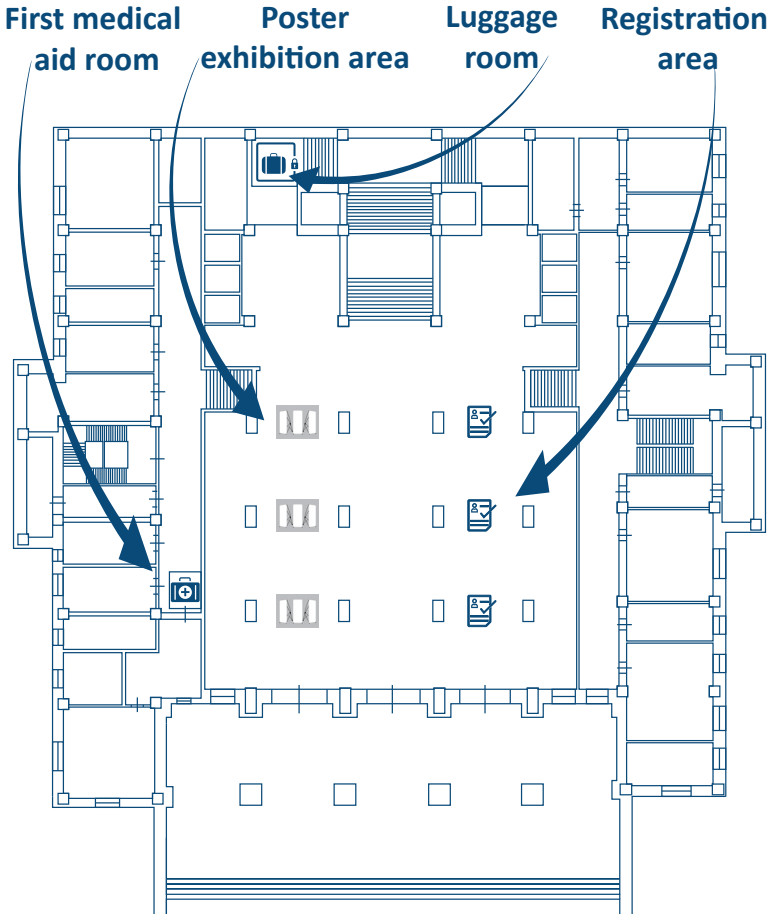
- **AS A PRESENTER:** State clearly at the beginning of your presentation if you would like your work to be shared via social media or not.
- **AS A PARTICIPANT:** Please respect the presenters' preference and only share if permission has been given to do so.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

MAPS AND LOCATIONS

1. Main Foyer:

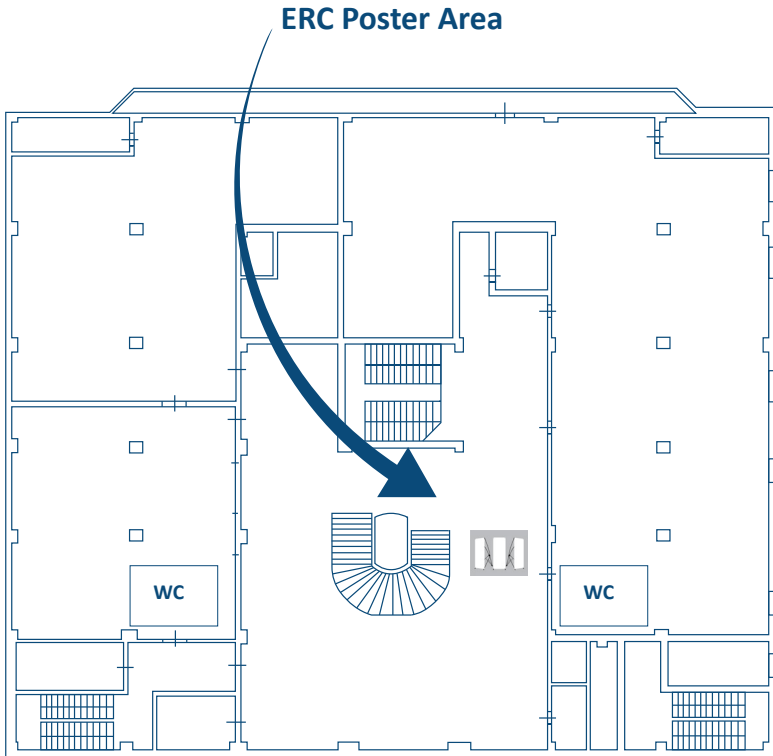
Central Building, 1st floor



Main Entrance

2. Library Foyer:

Central Building 2-nd floor, next to Registration area by stairs



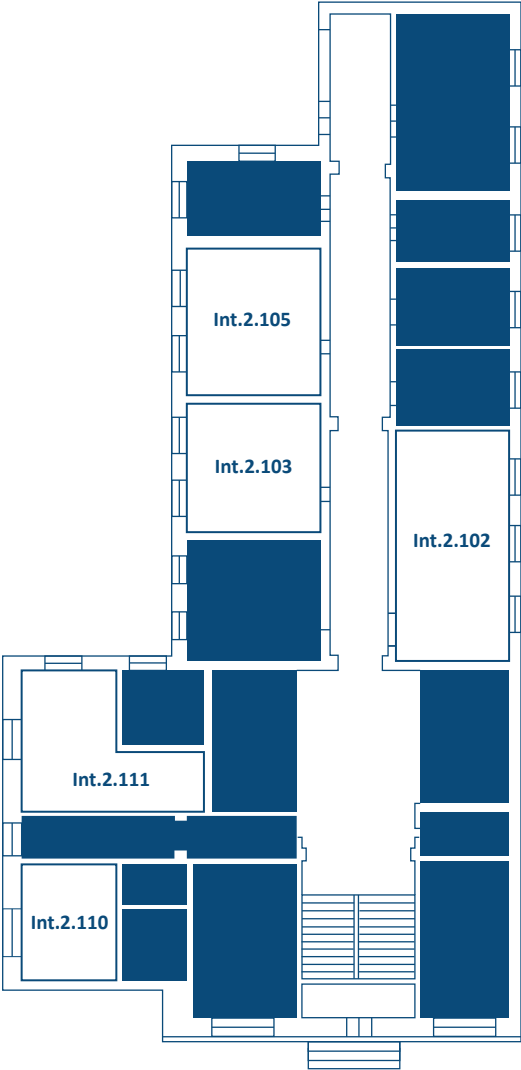
3. Main Hall:

Central Building, 3-rd floor

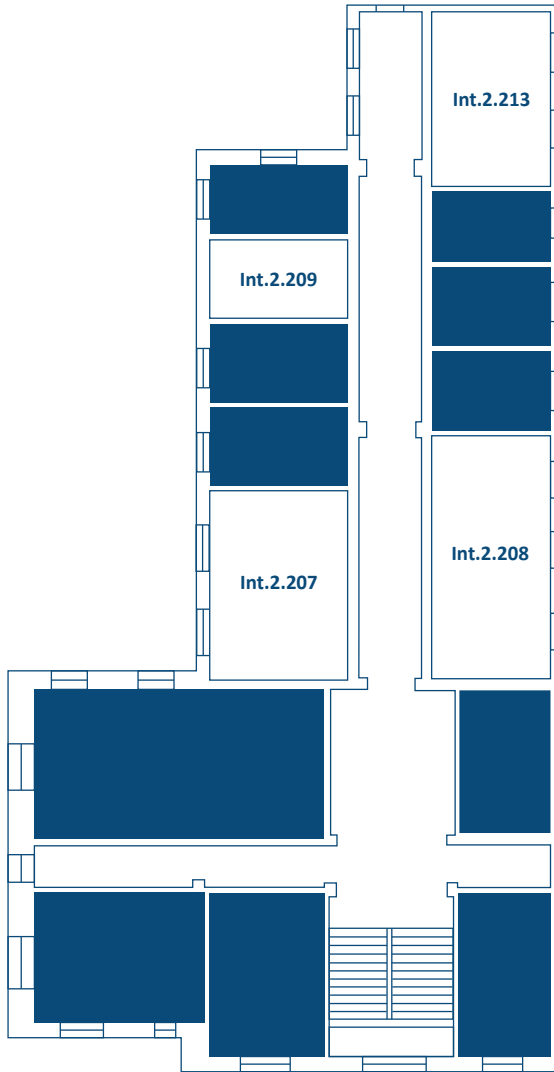


4. Right Wing of the Central Building

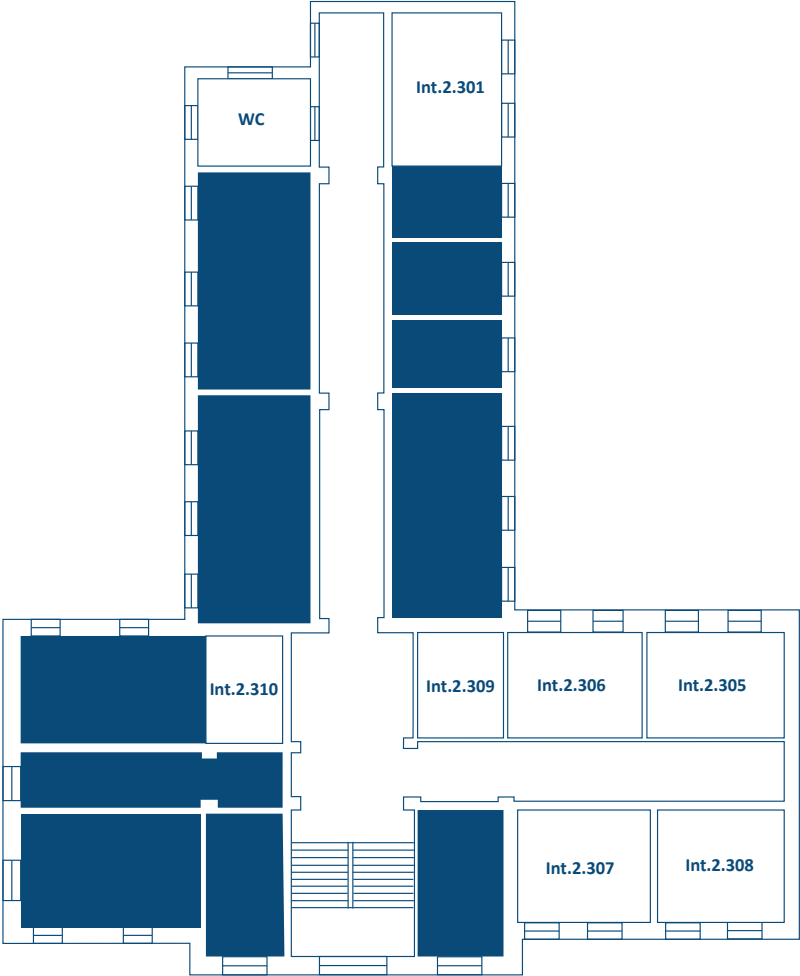
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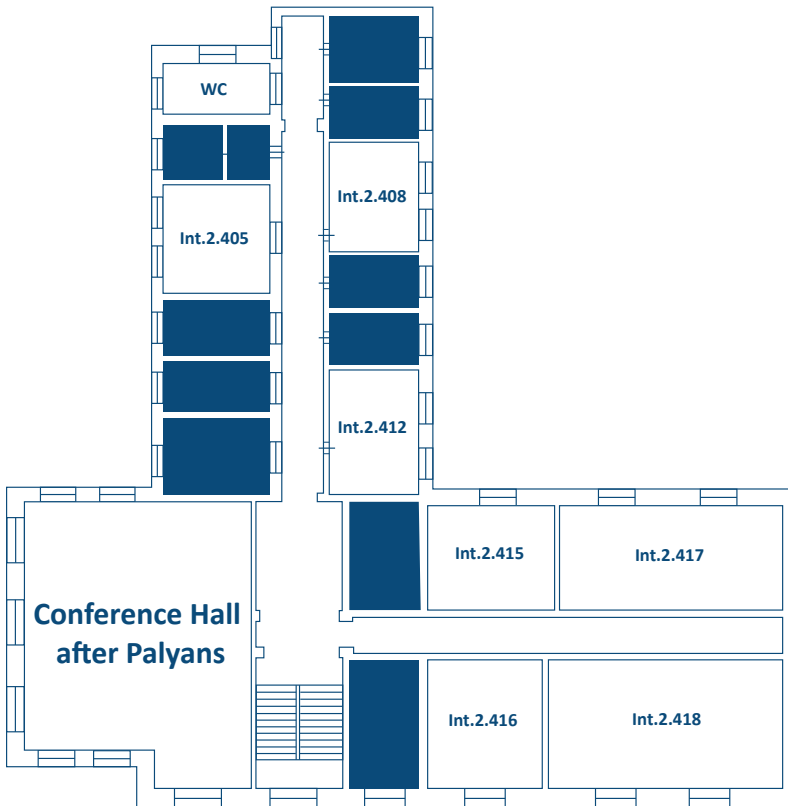
4.2. 2nd Building: 2nd floor



4.3. 2nd Building: 3rd floor

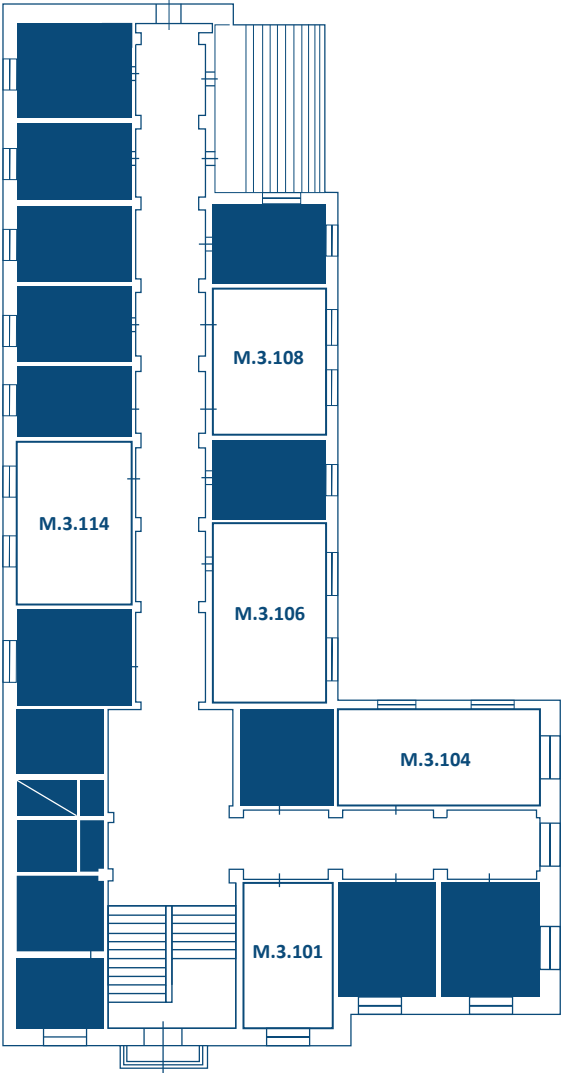


4.4. 2nd Building: 4rt floor



5. Left Wing of the Central Building

5.1. 3rd Building: 1st floor



5.2. 3rd Building: 2nd floor



5.3. 3rd Building: 3rd floor



5.4. 4rt Building: 4rt floor (this is the continuation of 3rd building 3rd floor)

