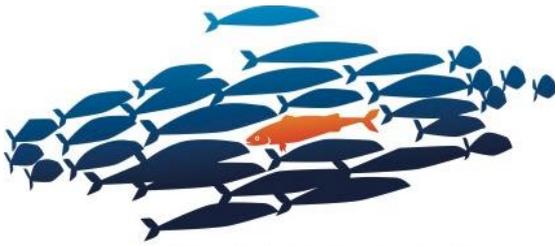


Atypical Interaction Conference 2019



Dates and Locations

The event will start on Monday 17th June 2019 and end on Wednesday 19th June 2019.

Congress venue – University of Helsinki

University of Helsinki, Main Building
Fabianinkatu 33
Helsinki, Finland

Transportation from the Airport

Metered taxis are easily available at the airport, and the service is reliable. A taxi drive costs approximately 40 euros and takes about 30 minutes.

Finnair City Buses depart from the airport and Helsinki city centre every 20 minutes (bus stop also at Crowne Plaza Helsinki Hotel and Scandic Continental Hotel). One-way ticket price is EUR 6.80.

Trains P and I depart from the airport and Helsinki Railway Station every 10 minutes. The train takes about 30 minutes. One-way ticket price is EUR 4.60.

Finnish customs regulations

(<http://www.finavia.fi/fortravellers/arrivinginfinland/finnishcustomsregulations>)

If you are taking valuable goods with you, you should obtain an export certificate for them from customs when you start your journey. If you are bringing goods back in you should find out beforehand the value of duty free goods that you are allowed.

If you are arriving from a European Union country, choose the blue EU line. If you are arriving from a non-EU country and have no goods to declare, choose the green line. If you have dutiable goods to declare, follow the red line.

Visa & passports

Please check the visa regulations of your country with your local Finnish embassy or consulate. EU citizens only need their national identification papers. Carrying passport, however, is recommended for EU citizens. Citizens from most other countries will need a valid travel passport. If you plan to visit Tallinn, Estonia a passport is highly recommended. For St. Petersburg, Russia both passport and visa are needed.

General Information

Insurance:

The Congress organisers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, for loss of, or damage to property belonging to congress participants (or their accompanying persons), either during or as a result of the congress. Please check the validity of your own travel insurance.

Liability:

The Congress Organisation and the local Congress Organiser (Confedent International) act as agents only in securing hotels, transport and travel services and shall in no event be liable for acts or omissions in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through contractors or the employees of such contractors in carrying out services. Hotel, tour and transportation services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public in general. The Congress Organisation and the Congress Organiser reserve the right to make changes where deemed necessary without prior notice to parties concerned. All disputes are subject to Finnish Law.

Welcome to Helsinki

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is a vibrant metropolitan city with over half a million residents and is located at the heart of the Baltic Sea area. The lifestyle in the second-most northern capital city in the world is full of contrasts and activities. Helsinki's identity has been formed by cultural influences from both the East and West – its cultural diversity is hard to match. Helsinki has sometimes been described as “the smallest big city in the world”.

In 2010, Newsweek magazine ranked Finland as the world's best country to live in. The analysis examined factors such as education and health care; quality of life; economic dynamism; and, political environment. Helsinki is also one of the world's cleanest and safest capitals. Finland is called “the land of thousand lakes” and its clean unspoiled nature can be found very close to Helsinki.

Did you know that Finland has 3,3 million saunas and 180,000 islands?

Getting around in Helsinki is easy and safe with a functioning public transportation system. Most of the sights, hotels and venues are also within walking distance. Also, Finnish design has made the Finland's capital city world famous. Helsinki was nominated the World Design Capital 2012, which is an official recognition for decades of work. The World Design Capital is an initiative of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID).

Helsinki can easily be reached from anywhere in the world, around 40 airlines fly there. It offers accommodation in different hotel categories, ranging from international hotel chains to designer & boutique hotels.

Government

Sovereign parliamentary republic since 1917. From 1809-1917, autonomous Grand Duchy within Russian Empire; before that part of the Kingdom of Sweden for centuries. The President is elected every six years. The new president, Mr. Sauli Niinistö, took office in March 2012.

Religion

78% are Lutheran, 1% Orthodox

Language

The official languages in Finland are Finnish and Swedish. Most Finns speak excellent English and even in more remote areas you are likely to find a person able to help you in English. You should not have any difficulties when it comes to language.

Population

5.4 million, giving an average density of 18 people per km² of land area. The population of Helsinki is 601.000.

Area

390,920km² or 150,900 sq miles of which 9% is fresh water (188,000 lakes). Forests cover 68% of the country.

Local time

EET (+2 GMT)

Telephone

The country code for Finland is +358. Helsinki city area code is (0)9.

Useful telephone numbers

- Emergency: 112
- Private Doctor consultation (in English) +358 10 633 8585 (www.doctagon.fi)

Electricity

230V (type of plug: two round holes)

Currency

The currency in Finland is the EURO (€), which comes in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500.

Payments

All payments must be made in the local currency. Please use authorized money changers and banks to change currency. The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa, Diners card, Mastercard, Eurocard and American Express card.

Banking & Business hours

Banks are generally open at 09.00-16.00 (Monday-Friday); closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Shopping centres and bigger shops are generally open weekdays from 09.00 to 21.00, Saturdays from 09.00 to 18.00, Sundays from 12.00 to 18.00.

Transportation in Helsinki

Taxis are easy to hail in the city centre except during the busiest periods. Taxi stands are conveniently located throughout the centre. (Taxi Helsinki tel: +358 100 0700).

Getting around in Helsinki is easy and safe with a functioning public transportation such as tram, busses and metro. With a single ticket you can hop aboard trams, busses, the metro and even the ferry to the fortress island of Suomenlinna. Single tickets can be purchased from ticket machines. Day tickets are available for unlimited use on public transportation for 1-7 days. They can be purchased from ticket machines, from the Tourist Information or from the Helsinki City Transport service point in the Central Railway Station.

Tips

Tipping is not necessary nor expected in Finland. However if the service has been exceptional it is nice to leave a tip as a thank you.

Drinking water

Tap water in Finland is fresh and clean and therefore a joy to drink.

Personal Property

Please take good care of your personal property. The organisers and staff at the venues are not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.