

ICAME46



Per Corpora ad Astra: Exploring the Past, Mapping the Future

17–21 June 2025, Vilnius

Dear **ICAME46 participants**,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Vilnius already next week! Here are some important details regarding the conference venues and logistics.

Venue of the conference

There will be **two venues** for the conference: the Old Campus of **Vilnius University (June 17–20)** and **Arkangelo Conference & Art Center (June 21)**. Both venues are located in the Old Town of Vilnius and are very close to each other.

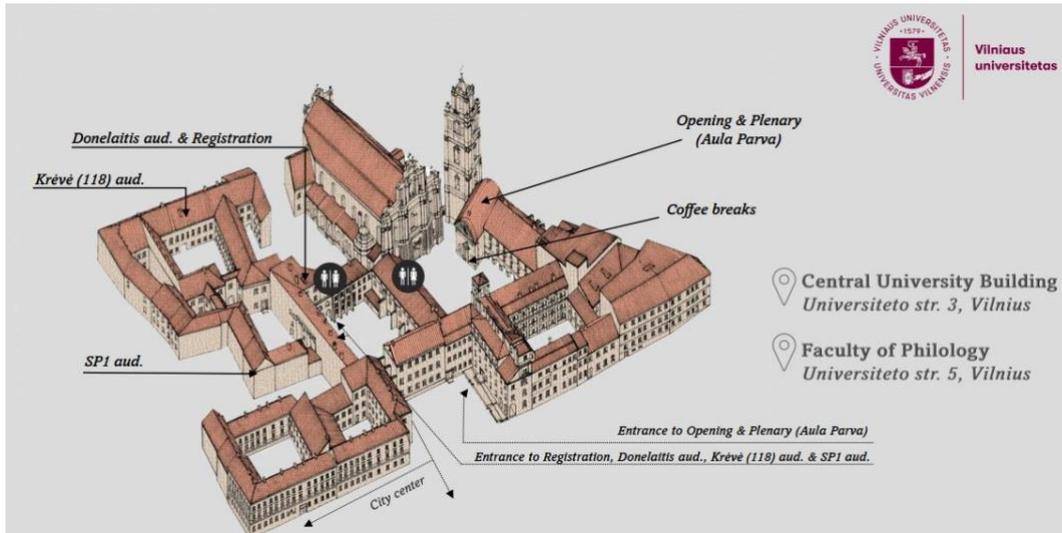
The Old Campus of Vilnius University: **Faculty of Philology**, Universiteto str. 5 & **Central building**, Universiteto str. 3.

The Arkangelo Conference & Art Center, Maironio str. 11.

The Old Campus of Vilnius University dates back to the 16th century and has retained most of its original architecture. It features **13 unique historical courtyards**, each distinct in its style and size. During breaks, you can take the opportunity and discover them all! The Faculty of Philology, where the Registration, Pre-conference workshops and General Sessions will take place, also has a number of original painted halls, so do not hesitate to ask at the Registration desk for directions if you would like to take some photos! Please note that the rooms for Pre-conference Workshops and General Sessions (**SP1 aud.**, **Krėvė (118) aud.**, and **Donelaitis aud.**) are located close to each other but not adjacent to one another. It may take 3-5 minutes to walk from one room to the other. The Coffee breaks and Plenaries will take place in the **Central Building** of the Old Campus.

The **Registration** desk will open at **08:30** on **June 17** (Tuesday) and at **08:00** on **June 18** (Wednesday) and will be open during the conference hours. There will be a **display** of the latest **John Benjamins** books and their order forms in the Registration area so don't forget to take a look!

Student assistants and members of the organising committee will be available to guide you to the **Aula Parva** (for the plenary sessions), the **Coffee break** area, and the **rooms for the General sessions**. ICAME46 directional signs will also be posted, and a campus map will be included in your conference pack. You can see a snapshot here:



The week of the conference will coincide with the study graduation ceremony for all students of Vilnius University, which will take place at St. Johns' Church located in the Old Campus. You will have the opportunity to witness one of the most beautiful moments of June, with many happy young people receiving their diplomas. **St. Johns' Church**, which is a distinct monument of late baroque, is really worth a visit, and it is right next to the Old Aula where the coffee will be served. We hope you steal a moment to look inside!



On **Saturday (June 21)**, the conference will move to the **Arkangelo Conference & Art Center** located in the former Bernardine Convent of St. Michael the Archangel, which is a 5-minute walk away from Vilnius University. On that day, we will listen to presentations in three original convent rooms – Refectory, Abbot's Cell & Salon, which are located next to each other. Our **Registration** desk in the Arkangelo Conference & Art Center will be open from **08:30** on **Saturday** so that the speakers can upload and check their presentations.

The Conference Center is situated in front of the magnificent **Gothic ensemble** of **St. Anne** and **St. Francis-St. Bernard churches**, one of the most visited and beautiful sites of Vilnius.



Technical details

The technical basis for Vilnius University is MS Windows, all rooms will have multimedia projectors and computers with PowerPoint and PDF readers in both venues. We will try to accommodate those of you who indicated in the registration form that you need to use your own laptops, but it is always a challenge. We strongly encourage you to test your presentation well in advance. If you requested a HDMI connection for Mac, please also bring your own adaptor as Vilnius University does not support Mac.

Since the parallel sessions will be held in rooms which are not next to each other, we kindly ask all participants to upload their presentations well before the talk so that we do not have any delays. The computers in all rooms have USB-A ports. We also advise presenters to bring a backup copy in PDF format.

Program and Book of Abstracts

The final Program and the Book of Abstracts are now available on the conference webpage. We had to make a few small changes in the program due to some last-minute changes, so we kindly ask you to double-check the time of your talk again. The Book of Abstracts will be available online only, but a printout of the Program will be included in the conference pack.

Meals

All lunches are included in the registration fee and will be served at the **restaurant "Grey"** (Pilies str. 2), which is a perfect blend of modern design, good food and history. Located on the most famous street of Vilnius Old Town, **Pilies str.** (Castle str.), which connects the Gediminas Castle with the Town Hall, the restaurant is just a brief walk from Vilnius University.

Those of you who indicated vegan/vegetarian preferences in the registration will have green stickers on the participant badges. Those of you who indicated allergies, please inform the waiters about them at the beginning of each meal, as the restaurant is aware of them.

During one of the lunches, you will be able to try the iconic Lithuanian Pink soup – **Šaltibarščiai!** It is one of the Lithuanian culinary heritage dishes, extremely favoured during the summer. It is so

immensely popular that Vilnius has recently started organising the **Pink Soup Fest** – a huge celebration when the whole city is filled with pink colour and beautiful aroma of beetroot, cucumber and dill! You must watch [this video](#) to get ready for your ICAME46-Vilnius experience!

Social program

The **Walking tour of Vilnius** (1,5 hours) on **Wednesday (June 18)** will start from the Registration area at **18:30** and will end at **Vilnius Town Hall** (Didžioji str. 31) for the start of the Welcome reception at **20:00**. Don't miss a chance to see one of the landmarks of Vilnius Old Town and one of the nicest examples of neoclassical architecture in Vilnius.



The traditional **Boat trip** of ICAME will be in **Trakai**, a small town 25 km from Vilnius, on **Thursday (June 19)**. Buses will take us to and from Trakai. We will depart from the **restaurant "Grey"**, our lunch venue, at **15:00**. Once the capital of Lithuania, Trakai is famous for its medieval Castle built on an island in the middle of Galvė Lake. It is also famous for **kibinai** (kibin or kybyn), traditional pastries filled with meat and onions, brought to Lithuania by the Karaite ethnic group. At the end of the 14th century, Vytautas, the Grand Duke of Lithuania, brought Karaites from Crimea to serve as his bodyguards. Though traditionally kybyns would be filled with meat, now there are many variations including fillings with vegetables and cottage cheese. Our Boat trip will last for one hour on the lake around the Castle and will include the tasting of kybyns.



We expect to be back in Vilnius at **19:30**, as weather permitting, we will have some free time after the boat trip to take some photos or shop for souvenirs in the Castle area.

The **Conference dinner** will take place on **June 20 (Friday)** at the restaurant **"Neringa"**, which is located on the central avenue of the city – Gediminas Ave. 23. Participants who will join Conference dinner will find an invitation in the conference pack. The start of the dinner is at **20:00** and it will finish at 22:00. The ICAME46 **disco** will be held in the "Neringa" restaurant basement from **22:00**.

Those of you who had some other dinner plans but would be **willing to join the disco** are invited to come to the “Neringa” restaurant basement, just have your conference participant badge with you.

Weather

It is said that the name of Lithuania – Lietuva – comes from the word “lietus”, which means ‘rain’ in Lithuanian. June can be quite rainy, and it is too early to rely on weather forecasts now, but bringing an umbrella could be a good idea, especially for the social program events. It is also said that when people carry umbrellas, it usually does not rain. If over 100 conference participants bring their umbrellas, chances are we can drive the rain out of the city!

Conference Updates

We’ll be posting **brief updates** and **news highlights** from the conference on the official conference webpage, so be sure to check it regularly. Please also **let us know** if you prefer not to be photographed during the conference by writing an email to us.

Arrival to Vilnius

Various options to get to the center from Vilnius airport are listed on the conference webpage: <https://www.icame46.flf.vu.lt/travel/getting-to-around-vilnius>

More information on Vilnius and its surroundings

You can find much more valuable information on Vilnius, what to see there, what to do there and much more on a great webpage run by Go Vilnius – the official development agency of the City of Vilnius and one of the partners of the conference:

<https://www.govilnius.lt/visit-vilnius>

See you soon in Vilnius! Iki greitai!

ICAME46 organising team

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