

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

The Conference Venue

Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg
Ammerländer Heerstraße 114, 26129
Oldenburg, Germany
Building A14



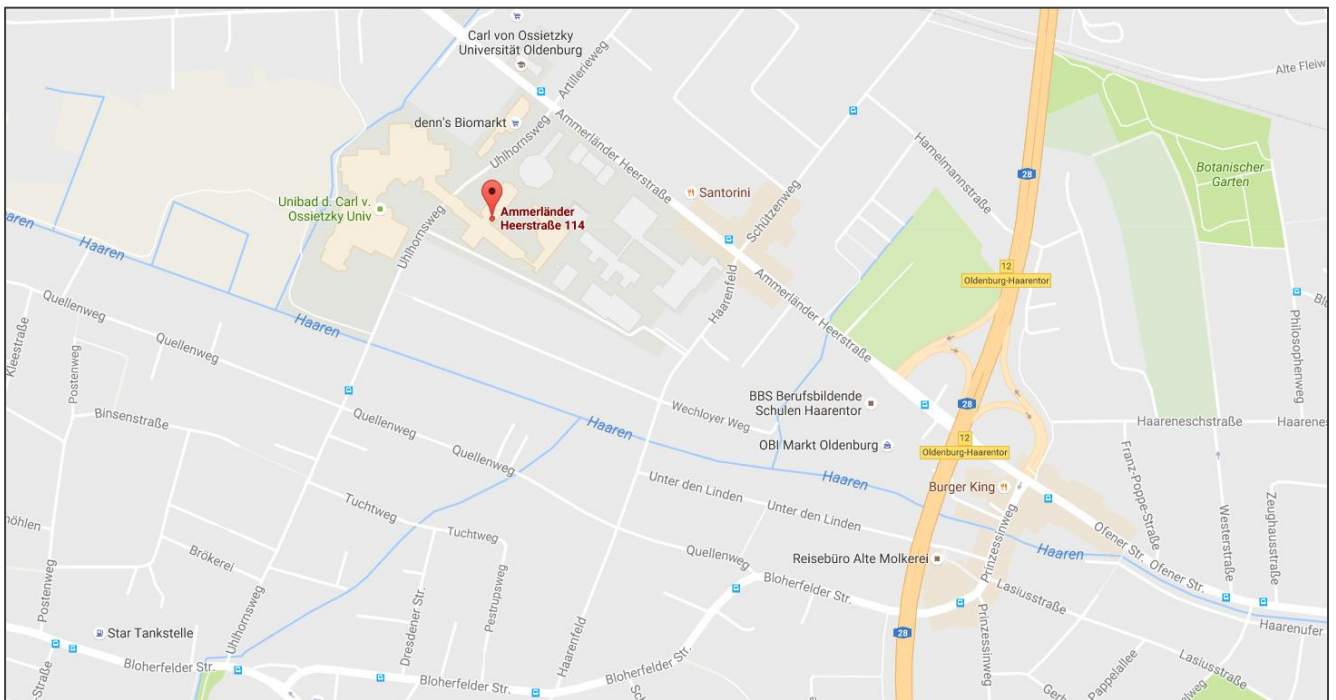
Location

The conference venue is the Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg. It is situated in the north-eastern part of the city.

Public transportation nearby

The nearest station is the **Oldenburg(Oldb) Universität**. The following buses stop here:
Lines 306 / 310

Oldenburg City Map



ARRIVING IN OLDENBURG

Oldenburg by plane

The closest airport to Oldenburg is the Bremen Airport.

From Bremen Airport, there is a direct coach service to Oldenburg - Public Express. There are stops in Oldenburg at the Hauptbahnhof, Pferdemarkt and the University.

Alternatively, catch tram 6 from the airport to Bremen Hauptbahnhof, then take a train.

The tickets for tram and train can be bought either at the tram stop (red ticket machine) or on the tram itself (8,60 EUR). To find the tram stop at the airport, consult the [map](#).

At the Bremen train station, catch either the train headed to "RE Norddeich Mole"/ "NWB Bad Zwischenahn", or the Intercity, destination "Emden". The trip should take around 30-40 minutes to Oldenburg.

At the airport, it is also possible to take a taxi to Oldenburg. We recommend the shuttle "luftibus,"

Airport Information Service:

Phone: +49 421 559 50
Fax: +49 421 5595 474
E-mail: contact@airport-bremen.de
Web-site: <http://www.bremen-airport.com/en/nc/>

Oldenburg by train

There are usually two or three connections per hour from Bremen to Oldenburg operated by Deutsche Bahn and Nordwestbahn (Tickets are valid on the trains of both companies). The fastest train takes 28 minutes, the S-Bahn trains take up to 38 minutes. The fare is around 8€ for regional trains (NWB and RE) and Intercities (IC). Please note that IC trains can only be used with a regional ticket between Emden/Norddeich and Bremen. From there on a supplement is necessary for all Intercity trains. The ICE trains always require a supplement. Other regional services are linking Oldenburg with Wilhelmshaven (for the ferry to Helgoland), Emden (ferry to Borkum), Norddeich Mole (ferries to Norderney and Juist), Osnabrück and Leer. The trains are usually running every 60 minutes and

every 30 minutes during peak time on some routes. See the [Deutsche Bahn online timetable](#) for details.

Oldenburg by car

You can reach Oldenburg from the A1, A7, A27 and E22 highways.

Oldenburg by bus

The "PublicExpress" bus connects Oldenburg with Groningen and Bremen.

Back to the airport

It is advised to check in **at least** 1 hour before the departure.

Public transport

Online Timetable

Find convenient public transport connections for your travel to Oldenburg University using the [Online Timetable!](#)

Buses

To get to the university, take bus no. 306 (destination "Universität") and bus no. 310 (destination "Wehnen"). Bus-stop: "Universität"

For buses that connect the University campuses with Oldenburg Central Station („ZOB“) and the City Centre („Lappan“) download the [timetables in PDF-format](#) here.

Taxi

Taxizentrale:	+49 441 240 24
Taxi 66:	+49 441 6666 66
Taxi Hatscher:	+49 441 811 11
SternTaxi:	+49 441 555 55

PRACTICAL INFORMATION - CONFERENCE

Registration desk

The registration desk will be located in the Wardrobe in building A14. It will open on Tuesday 4th October at 15.00h. Delegates are advised to register and pick up their Conference Folder before the Welcome Reception.

Registration desk service hours:

Tuesday October 4th from 15.00 to 18.00

Wednesday October 5th from 8.30 to 18.00

Thursday October 6th from 8.30 to 12.30

Conference Programme

The detailed Conference Programme can be downloaded from the 9th EDEN Research Workshop [website](#).

Video recording and photos

Please note that some of the sessions may be recorded and photos may be taken. If you have concerns, please raise them with the presenters or at the registration desk.

The Welcome Reception

Tuesday 4 October, the Welcome Reception will take place at 19.30h at the conference venue in the Foyer on the Ground floor of building A14.

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will be held on 5 October, 2016 at 20.00.

For delegates who have booked: please, bring your ticket & badge with you. The three course, traditional German cuisine Conference Dinner will be held at the Klinkerburg Restaurant, a truly unique place. The restaurant occupies the

original first class waiting room in the main train station of Oldenburg. The Best Research Paper Award will be handed out during the Conference Dinner.

The address of Restaurant Klinkerburg:

Bahnhofplatz 12, 26122 Oldenburg

Lunch / Coffee Breaks

Lunches and coffees are included in the registration fee for all registered participants. They are only for registered delegates, so please wear your badge to get served.

Lunch will be provided at the canteen of the University ("Mensa"), the menu can be viewed on the poster board.

Wifi access in the Conference Venue

At the conference venue Wifi access will be available. Search for the "EDEN" network, there will be no password

Insurance / Liability

Neither the organiser nor the conference secretariat can be held liable for loss, injury or damage to any person or property or for any additional expenditure incurred due to changes in the programme, whatever the causes. Participants are advised to make their own arrangements for health and travel insurance.

Name Badges

All participants receive name badges at the registration desk and are kindly asked to wear their badge for admission to the conference sessions.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION - OLDENBURG

Climate

The climate in Oldenburg is warm and temperate. However, there is significant rainfall throughout the year. Even the driest month still has a lot of rainfall.

Time Zone

Local time in October is GMT+2; Central European Summer Time (CEST).

Opening Hours

Shop opening hours are usually:

Mondays - Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:30pm, or 10:00 am to 8:00 pm/10:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, or 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, or 12 noon to 6:00 pm. Sunday shopping has become more popular, and most but not all shops in towns and cities are open for business.

Banking Services

Standard banking hours are Monday to Friday 9.00-17.00.

The nearest ATM available is at Uhlhornsweg 99, 26129 Oldenburg, Germany.

Currency Exchange

Germany's official currency is the Euro (EUR). Money can be exchanged at banks and major hotels.

As elsewhere, the most common cards in Germany are **Eurocard/Mastercard** and **Visa**, however credit cards are not accepted everywhere. ATMs are widespread and are generally the cheapest and most convenient method of obtaining money.

Electricity

Electrical current is 220 or 225 volts, 50Hz. European style two-pin plugs are standard.

Telephones

The international access code for Germany is +49. The outgoing code is "00" or "+" followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 0044 or +44 for the United Kingdom).

Tipping

Hotel and restaurant bills usually include service charges, but additional tips are welcomed for services rendered. In established restaurants tips of about 10% are expected. Drivers of metered taxis expect small tips and it is customary to tip usually 5-10% for most services, including guides.

Emergency situations

General Emergency 112 (multilingual)

Police 110

Fire Brigade 112

Medical emergency 112

Safety

Generally safety is not too much of a problem for tourists in Germany.

Most visits to Germany are trouble-free. However, people are advised to take precautions to avoid theft of passports, credit cards, travel documents and money. Be wary of strangers offering or asking for help of any kind, as it is often a distraction for accomplices.

Smoking policy

Smoking in public places is banned and stiff fines are imposed for smoking in areas such as enclosed public spaces, areas where food is prepared and sold, public transport, designated areas of bars and restaurants, and any places that cater for children.

Smoking is not allowed in any of the university buildings, please use designated smoking areas.

Restaurants and Cafés

Restaurants

Name	Address
Artischocke	Mottenstr. 22
Bei Franz	Donnerschweer Str. 6
Mamma Mia	Markt 19
ProSecco	Uhlhornsweg 99
Ratskeller	Markt 1

Cafés & Bars

Extrablatt	Lange Str. 90
Bar Celona	Markt 4
Kaffeekunst	Bergstraße 6
Patio	Bahnhofsstraße 11
Schwan	Stau 34
Tante Käthe's Kaffee Bar	Kaiserstraße 28

CULTURE HINTS

Welcome to Oldenburg – the “Übermorgenstadt”

“Übermorgen” is German and means the day after tomorrow, and Oldenburg has chosen this label to express that it is firmly rooted in the future. Oldenburg is home to 160,000 people and the economic hub of the Bremen - Oldenburg metropolitan region. A former princely residence, it looks back over a history spanning 1,200 years. Oldenburg is a lively city with a great deal of charm embedded in a beautiful, unspoiled natural landscape. With its more than 20,000 students, Oldenburg has always been home to innovative thinkers and enquiring minds. It was not without reason that the national innovation agency for German science voted Oldenburg the „City of Science 2009“. A number of pilot projects and inspiring events throughout the year confirmed Oldenburg's reputation as a lively, intellectual metropolis.

With its number of inhabitants Oldenburg is a city of manageable size, which is looking back on 900 years of history. Today the city is the dynamic and attractive centre of cultural, scientific and economic life in the Weser-Ems region, a lot of which has to do with the influence of Oldenburg University and its more than 10.000 students.

The shops and alleys of Oldenburg's city centre, the bars and restaurants, the discotheques and trendy venues contribute to a colourful and worthy living in Oldenburg. Opera, theatre, dance, cabarets and the many museums are especially attractive for those interested in culture. Neoclassicism and historicism left their mark on the city's looks. Especially impressive are the former Peter Friedrich Ludwig Hospital, which today houses the city's culture centre, the baroque Grand Duke's castle, the Lamberti Church with its five steeples, and the unique small town-houses, called the 'Oldenburg Kennels'.

The city on the banks of the 'Hunte' River is a green city. People's first choice of transport is the bicycle. There are about 270 kilometers of municipal cycling paths, thus everything is within close reach: the pedestrian area in the town centre, municipal offices and public institutions, cultural venues like the theatre, and the castle, museums and cinemas, pubs, coffee houses and clubs, and Oldenburg University itself. The

surrounding forests and the city's parks, including the 'Eversten Holz', the 'Schlossgarten' and the 'Botanical Gardens', are also all within convenient cycling or walking distance from the university or the town centre.

The land around Oldenburg offers a variety of landscapes, with moors, marshes and the higher-lying dry lands of the 'OldenburgerGeest' and lots of small villages, inviting visitors to leave the city for walking or cycling tours through the countryside. The "Zwischenahner Meer", the Northern Sea and the East Frisian Islands are virtually just around the corner if you want to spend a whole weekend in the green. The climate is determined by the nearby Northern Sea: It is rather mild and not too hot in summer while not very cold in winter, but during all seasons there will be plenty of rainfall and a lot of wind.

Sightseeing hints in Oldenburg

The Oldenburg Palace Gardens

Around half of the green city of Oldenburg is covered by parks and gardens, where locals and visitors alike can relax around the year within easy walking distance of the city centre. The Oldenburg garden tradition extends back to the 17th century.

At the beginning of the 19th century Duke Peter Friedrich Ludwig started creating grand palace gardens close to the historical walls and the ducal residence. Designed in keeping with the natural English style, the palace gardens, which extend over 16 hectares, have retained their picturesque atmosphere with natural planting and winding watercourses and paths. Garden and nature enthusiasts are especially in their element when the rhododendrons, which are typical for this region, are in bloom, and Oldenburg boasts the oldest rhododendrons of their kind in Germany.

The Smart House in Oldenburg

Oldenburg may be a small town but it certainly has its own unique memorable features. The Smart House seeks to promote Oldenburg as an ideal location for scientific research and higher education. In addition, it supports development

processes which ensure that the region is able to meet the challenges of the future.

It combines both new and old architectural features. Examples of modern technology such as photovoltaic modules make for a building that is "fit for the future". A light shaft extends from the ground floor to the ceiling, bringing sunlight to areas of the interior that would otherwise be dark. Thanks to its design, the light shaft also provides optimal natural ventilation for the entire building. Other examples of "smart technology" include energy monitors which keep track of energy use as well as motion detectors which regulate lighting and ventilation.

The EDITH-RUSS-HAUS for Media Art

The EDITH-RUSS-HAUS for Media Art was first made possible by an endowment by Edith Ruß (22.1.1919-18.7.1993). According to her will, the City of Oldenburg built a house "for the arts". She wanted to form a site to create "art for the transition into the twentieth century". This initiative was the genesis for the concept of a site for Media Art with both exhibition space and guest apartments.

With its focus on Media Art the Edith Ruß Site is an exception in Northern Germany. It is understood as a place for the presentation and communication in which the progressing digitalisation is as well discussed as the virtualisation of the world which New Media

encourage. In a changing exhibition programme the Edith Ruß Site shows innovative and experimental tendencies of contemporary art.

The Oldenburg State Theatre

The dome of the Oldenburg State Theatre has been part of the city's skyline since 1893. The building is of Neo-Baroque design, and although it has undergone some changes, its essence has been retained.

Three theatres are housed under its roof. In addition to the impressive Grosses Haus with 827 seats, in October 1998 the curtain first rose in the Kleines Haus which seats 350. In the season of 2001/2002, a small studio theatre, the Spielraum with seating for 70, also came into being.

The programme of the Oldenburg State Theatre is coloured by a high-quality, classic repertoire of operas, operettas, musicals, plays, dance performances and concerts as well as its commitment to the artistic avant-garde. Premieres and debut performances are regular features on the State Theatre's programme.

Useful links:

<https://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/>

<http://www.oldenburg-tourist.de/EN/>

<https://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/>

<http://www.bremen-airport.com/en/nc/>

We wish you a pleasant journey and look forward to seeing you in Oldenburg and sharing the pleasure of a successful and memorable event.