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General Information Booklet

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk will be located on **Sapienza University of Rome, Faculty of Economics - via del Castro Laurenziano n. 9**, during the following hours:

- Wednesday, June 3rd: 11.30 AM - 7.00 PM
- Thursday, June 4th: 8.30 AM - 6.00 PM
- Friday, June 5th: 8.30 AM - 6.00 PM
- Saturday, June 6th: 8.30 AM - 4.00 PM

A **cashier service** is available next to the registration desk (with the same opening hours) for onsite registrations, payments, refunds and/or purchase of social events and technical tour tickets.

Please note that only a limited number of tickets for additional events may be available.

Fees are 22% VAT included	Regular	Onsite	Criteria
Delegate NON-member	€ 480,00	€ 530,00	
ESCAN delegate member*	€ 405,00	€ 455,00	
Student NON-member	€ 370,00	€ 420,00	PhD candidates or students enrolled in Universities, Academies, Educational Institutes, Schools or Master's Degrees. All categories included in this fee must provide a valid certificate of attendance.
ESCAN student member*	€ 300,00	€ 350,00	
Accompanying person	€ 180,00	€ 210,00	
Delegate Conference Dinner	€ 80,00		
Student Conference Dinner	€ 70,00		
Company representative	€ 380,00		Fee available for extra participants from a conference sponsor
Pre-Congress	€ 80,00		This fee is only for participants who do not want to participate in the rest of the conference.

*To have access to the discounted fees for members, you have to register as a member of ESCAN before registering for the conference.

To avoid crowds, you can pick up your accreditation as early as the afternoon of Wednesday, June 3rd.

For more information on fees, please visit the dedicated page on the Conference website <https://escan2026.eu>.

CONFERENCE BADGES AND CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

At the registration desk, you will receive your Conference badge when signing in.

To access the venue, the coffee breaks and lunches and all social events, please **make sure to wear your badge at all times while attending the Conference.**

All **Regular and Student fees** include:

- Participation in the Congress and Pre-Congress
- Welcome Cocktail
- Lunches, coffee and tea breaks
- Presentation of **maximum one abstract** (every author can submit as many abstracts as they want, but they can only present one single presentation at the Congress, not including symposia)
- 22% VAT

Pre-Congress fees include:

- Participation in the Pre-Congress
- Welcome coffee and tea breaks during the Pre-Congress
- 22% VAT

Accompanying person fees include:

- Welcome cocktail
- Tour for accompanying persons
- Conference dinner
- 22% VAT

The badge could be displayed in green or red depending on whether participants are willing to interact or prefer not to interact.

INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be opened on **Sapienza University of Rome, Faculty of Economics - via del Castro Laurenziano n. 9** (same opening hours as the registration desk).

VOLUNTEERS

A multilingual team of volunteers will welcome all participants to the ESCAN 2026 conference.

They will be available at the conference venue to provide help and assistance with any questions you may have about the event.

The team will be easily recognizable by their logo T-shirts and name badges.

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official language of ESCAN 2026 is **English**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS

ORAL PRESENTATIONS



Speakers must use the venue's computer to present and **cannot use their laptop**.

Presentations can be uploaded via USB or downloaded from the web.

Speakers are required to **upload and test their presentation before** their **oral session begins**.

Please check the program to find out when you can access your lecture hall.



Duration:

13 minutes (Presentation) + 3 minutes (Question & Answer)



Presenter view Mode is not allowed when presenting: **personal notes will not be visible**.

Therefore, speakers are reminded to **bring** their **notes if needed**.

PCs run Windows 10 or 11 and have Microsoft PowerPoint installed.



Please arrive at least **10 minutes before your session begins**.

SYMPOSIA



Speakers must use the venue's computer to present, they **cannot use their laptop**.

Presentations can be uploaded via USB or downloaded from the web.

Symposium Chairs are required to make sure all presentations are **uploaded and tested before** their **symposia session begins** e.g. before Keynote lecture, during lunch break.

Please check the program.



Duration:

90 minutes (Presentations + Question & Answer).

Symposium Chair is responsible for organizing their symposium e.g., introductory remarks, format, Q&A, making sure it is within the total time limit.



Presenter view Mode is not allowed when presenting: **personal notes will not be visible**.

Therefore, speakers are reminded to **bring** their **notes if needed**.

PCs run Windows 10 or 11 and have Microsoft PowerPoint installed.



Please arrive at least **10 minutes before your session begins**.

PRESENTATION SLIDES (both for Oral presentations and Symposia)

- Presentations must be in **.PDF or .PPTX format**.
- Use a **16:9 aspect ratio** for all slides.
- To increase accessibility and readability s, we recommend:
 - Left-aligned text
 - Sans-serif fonts e.g., Verdana, Arial, Calibri
 - 24 pt minimum font size
 - Increased line spacing
 - Bold for emphasis
 - Avoid italics
 - High-contrast color combinations (e.g., dark text on a light background)
 - Colorblind-friendly palettes
- Include **trigger warnings** before possibly disturbing content e.g., injuries, flashing images, suicidality.

POSTERS

- **Maximum size allowed is A0** (width **841** × length **1189 mm**)
- Use **portrait (vertical) orientation**.
- To increase accessibility and readability, we recommend:
 - Left-aligned text
 - Sans-serif fonts e.g., Verdana, Arial, Calibri
 - 24 pt minimum font size
 - Increased line spacing
 - Bold for emphasis
 - Avoid italics
 - High-contrast color combinations (e.g., dark text on a light background)
 - Colorblind-friendly palettes
- Print your poster beforehand. If needed, the closest printing shop is *Centro Copie Universitario* on Via Alfonso Borelli, 15 - Roma | info@centrocopieuniversitario3.com
- Presenting authors are encouraged to stand by their poster during their entire poster sessions in order to present their research and engage with interested attendees.



For assistance, please contact our volunteers wearing burgundy red T-shirts with "STAFF" on the back.

PHOTOSHOOT AND RECORDINGS

When registering for the Conference and/or submitting an abstract (if applicable), the organisers were given permission to take photos and/or make recordings during the Conference for uploading on the ESCAN 2026 website and social media (digital or printed channels).

If you would prefer not to be recorded or photographed for cultural or personal reasons, please contact the Conference Secretariat before **Friday, May 29th, 2026**.

All ESCAN 2026 delegates are invited to take part in the group photo, which will take place on **Friday, June 5th, before the lunch break, on the steps leading to the main entrance of the Economics building**.

COFFEE BREAKS AND LIGHT LUNCHES

Coffee, lunches and tea breaks are included and they will be served at the conference venue.

Catering services will include dedicated options to meet the different dietary needs of participants, including alternatives for people with intolerances, allergies, vegetarian diets, and other specific nutritional preferences.

In line with the principles of full inclusivity and participation that this congress particularly aims to promote, the coffee breaks will also be prepared and served by a mixed staff team including the young members of the Association “*Come un Albero*”, an organization committed to fostering social and workplace inclusion for people with vulnerabilities.

MAP OF THE CONFERENCE DISTRICT

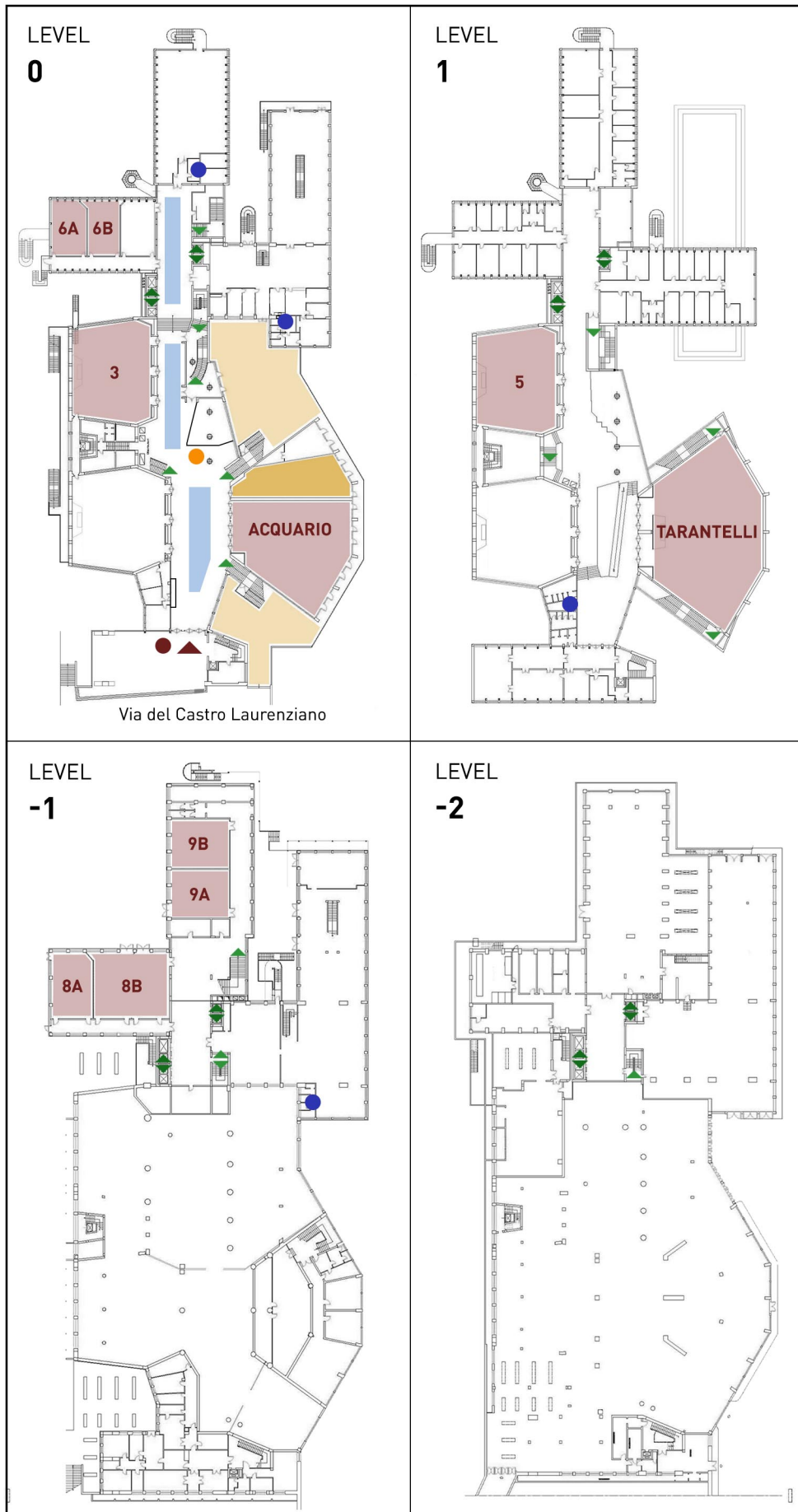


MAP OF THE CONFERENCE VENUE

Sapienza University - Faculty of Economics

Via del Castro Laurenziano, 9

Here you find a map showing the location of all rooms and areas dedicated to conference talks, coffee breaks, lunches, poster sessions, and other conference activities.



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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CONFERENCE DINNER

Limonaia of Villa Torlonia

Friday, June 5th, 2026, 7.30 PM

The ESCAN 2026 conference dinner will be held in the wonderful location of Limonaia, inside the Villa Torlonia Park, located at Via Lazzaro Spallanzani 1/A (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jJ3A9ZXVjMMCASpp6>).

Price

Delegates: 80€ (VAT included)

Students: 70€ (VAT included)



WELCOME COCKTAIL

Sapienza University - Faculty of Economics

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, 6.45 PM

Included in all the registration fees

The welcome cocktail is an occasion for all participants to meet and interact, while enjoying local appetisers and musical entertainment.

It will be held at the Conference venue, the Faculty of Economics of Sapienza University of Rome.



JUNIOR SOCIAL EVENT

The Apartment Lounge Bar

Thursday, June 4th, 2026, from 7.00 PM to 8.00 PM

The ESCAN Junior Social Event is an informal meeting in the evening dedicated to Master students, PhD candidates, and early post-doctoral researchers. It will give junior researchers the opportunity to connect and do networking while having fun in a nice location within the historical neighbourhood of San Lorenzo.

The event will take place at The Apartment Lounge Bar, located at Via dei Marrucini 1/A (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/uUJQ4FbVki6C3JFN9>).

Join us for an aperitif buffet in a relaxed setting designed to foster social exchange, new connections, and community building among early-career researchers within ESCAN. Some surprising activity awaits you!



SOCIAL EVENT

ORGANIZED BY THE ESCAN SPECIAL INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (SIG) ON SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE

Sapienza University - Faculty of Economics

Thursday, June 4th, 2026, 7.00 PM

The event will take place in the Conference Venue.



CULTURAL TOURS

MYSTERIES AND CRIMES IN THE ROMAN NIGHT AND TYPICAL DINNER

Thursday, June 4th, 2026, 7.30 PM

Meeting point: Castel Sant'Angelo (Lungotevere Castello, 50)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xAnEE26EbPuvKWft9>

Accompanied walk and guided visit through Rione Sant'Angelo between the Roman Empire and Late Antiquity. The itinerary includes a visit to the Tiber Island, the Theater of Marcellus, the Portico d'Ottavia, and a visit to the Balbi Crypt.

The Balbi Crypt, a unique and original history of a Roman city block. In this unique micro-environment, the intermingling of the subsoil and the fabric of the structures surrounding it have created an uninterrupted narrative of the history of a city block in the centre of Rome. The Crypta Balbi is one of a small number of museums in the world that can boast of its origins as a planned research activity involving all fields of knowledge.

Price: € 75 (VAT included)

The price includes:

- English-speaking guide
- Headphones
- Dinner in a typical Roman pizzeria

ROMAN THEATERS

Saturday, June 6th, 2026, 5.30 PM

Meeting point: Teatro di Marcello (Via del Teatro di Marcello)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/iyEQ1ipYepj9gkeE7>

The tour follows an expert guide through three iconic ancient venues: the Theatre of Marcellus, the Theatre of Balbo, and the remains of Pompey's Theatre. Participants walk between sites while learning about their architecture, civic functions, and role in Rome's cultural life. The experience concludes with a typical dinner featuring regional dishes.

Price: € 90 (VAT included)

The price includes:

- English-speaking guide
- Headphones
- Dinner in a typical Roman restaurant



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Please set your mobile phones to **silent mode** during all Conference sessions and presentations out of respect for the speakers.



Smoking is not permitted on the Conference premises.

Non-Discrimination and Sustainability Policies for ESCAN 2026

The 8th ESCAN Conference is committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment for all participants, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, appearance, ethnicity, race, national origin, age or religion. For this purpose, we will introduce dedicated initiatives to increase diversity and inclusivity in science and among the conference attendees.

All delegates, including speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, media and staff, and other participants are expected to behave in accordance with these policies and with respect towards other delegates attending or involved with the conference and/or any related event or activity.

ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Ask respectful questions and avoid dominating a presenter's question time to further any particular agenda. Question time after a talk is intended to give presenters the opportunity to expand on their talk in response to audience questions, and is not a platform for the audience to individually reply;
- Be mindful of and understand that intersectionality shapes our lived experience;
- Actively include all attendees in social gatherings (such as post-conference dinners and social events), particularly those for whom English is not a first language and junior students.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Care and attention will be taken in the selection of speakers to ensure a gender balance, and geographic, ethnic and ability representation. We will also strive to reflect diversity in academic background and training, methodological approaches and research topics within human cognitive, affective and social neuroscience.

In respect of transgender and non-binary participants, pronouns may be provided on an optional basis during registration, and, with consent, printed on conference badges.

The registration process will also include the option to indicate dietary requirements, to help us accommodate participants' needs.

ACCESSIBILITY

The 8th ESCAN Conference is committed to ensuring accessibility for all participants.

The venue is designed to accommodate participants with limited mobility, and our staff will be available to provide any necessary support throughout the event. Dedicated quiet spaces will also be available for sensory decompression, nursing, and prayer. If you have specific accessibility needs, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at the following address in advance, so we can provide the best possible support: secretariat@escan2026.eu

All official conference materials will be designed with accessibility in mind, using fonts, character sizes, line spacing, and color contrasts that support participants with partial sight or neurodivergences. The website additionally includes:

- A search bar to help find everything on the website
- Descriptive URLs so that screen readers can easily read them
- Alt text for images

All presenters will be asked to follow these guidelines in preparing their posters and slides, so that all contributions are accessible to the widest possible audience.

Sustainability

The ESCAN 2026 conference is organised in collaboration with Symposia, which, over the years, has implemented a large number of operational best practices for the daily running of its structure and all its events, from the selection of materials according to eco-sustainability criteria and the energy efficiency of the equipment, to the procedures for possible work peaks and for the replacement of absent staff.

We expect ESCAN 2026 to welcome a high number of attendees, and we are aware of the environmental impact such large numbers can have. With the purpose of limiting said impact, the following practices will be applied to the catering services as well as to the choice of all equipment, materials, and gadgets.

- **Food waste:** Thanks to the collaboration of Symposia with **Federcongressi & Eventi**, the food bank network **Banco Alimentare** and the Fair Event organization **Equoevento**, we will collect the surplus food at the end of the Conference meals and deliver it to charitable organizations such as family homes, soup kitchens, and refugee centers, in accordance with applicable hygiene regulations and in compliance with Italy's Good Samaritan law (Law 155/2003).
- **Carbon neutral:** to minimise the waste of CO2 emissions that arise from any conference-related activities and travels, the website and private correspondence with participants will include information on different possibilities to reach the venue, such as public transportation and bike routes. As the Organising Secretariat, Symposia prioritises renewable energy sources and eco-friendly merchandise in the conference kit, and limits CO2 emissions during all stages of its work.
- **Water saving:** Particular attention will be paid to water conservation. Participants are warmly encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottles, helping to reduce plastic waste. A map of nearby refill stations, including Rome's historic nasoni (literally "big noses")—the iconic public fountains that have provided fresh drinking water to Romans since the late 19th century—can be accessed by downloading the dedicated app Acquea (links can be found on this page). The venue and catering services will also adopt water-efficient practices, such as minimising bottled water use and favouring reusable tableware and low-water cleaning systems.
- **Recycling:** Waste reduction and recycling are central to our sustainability efforts. The venue will provide clearly labelled containers for separate waste collection, consistent with the colour-coding system used throughout the city of Rome. Participants are kindly invited to dispose of materials responsibly and to follow these same labels when recycling elsewhere in the city.

Italy has been a European leader in recycling for several years, consistently ranking among the top countries in Europe for overall recycling rates. We aim to uphold this standard by minimising single-use materials and promoting the correct recycling of all conference-related waste.

Local transport

TAXIS

Licensed taxis in Rome are white in colour and bear the sign "TAXI" on their roofs. Their license number is shown inside the vehicle on the back left-hand door.

WARNING: Any other vehicles waiting at the airport exit could be driven by unauthorised persons and the fares charged could be higher.

Main taxi companies in Rome are: • Radio taxi: +39 06 3570 • Pronto taxi: +39 06 6645 • Samarcanda: +39 06 5551

BUS AND SUBWAY

Rome has 3 subway lines (A-B-C) and several bus routes covering almost all parts of the city and its suburbs. A single ticket costs €1.50 and is valid for 100 minutes after it has first been stamped.

You can find more info regarding local transportation at the link <https://escan2026.eu/local-transportation>.

Currency, exchange, credit cards

The official currency is the Euro (€). You will find several exchange offices and banks in the airports and the city centre. Banks are open on workdays, generally between 9.00 AM and 4.00 PM. Before changing your money, we advise you to enquire about the rate of commission. You can also withdraw cash at ATMs.

Electricity supply

Power Connections & Voltage: flat, two or three-pole, round-pin European plugs, 220 V.



Emergency number

With the EMERGENCY **112** service, all emergency or urgent phone calls (police, fire brigade and medical emergencies) are accessible through a single number, namely **112**. The service is online via internet and via mobile phones, for those requiring assistance in foreign languages.

Lost and found

In case of lost and found items, please refer to the Information and registration desk.

Liability

The organisers of ESCAN 2026 assume no liability for damage or injury to persons or property in association with the conference and/or related events.

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