# Info letter Religion: Concealed and Revealed

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Dear participants, welcome to the "Religion: Concealed and Revealed" Summer School and conference! We have gathered here information about important locations, transportation and other practicalities. We hope all of you have a great trip to Turku and wish you an excellent conference with exciting new contacts and ideas!

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## Contact

If you have any questions, you can contact the conference secretary, Ossi, by email <u>rcrsecretary@abo.fi</u>. In urgent matters, you can call one of the conference organisers, Laura, on +358 50 440 8578.

## Program, abstracts and Summer School synopses

The program and conference abstracts can be downloaded here: <a href="https://blogs2.abo.fi/religionsummerschoolandconference/program/">https://blogs2.abo.fi/religionsummerschoolandconference/program/</a>.

A link to the Summer School's synopses has been sent to participants in advance by email. Please contact the conference secretary (<u>rcrsecretary@abo.fi</u>) if you are unable to access them.









#### **Key locations**



Below is a map of some of the key locations and landmarks near the conference venue Arcanum.

#### Venue



The event takes place in the Arcanum building (Arcanuminkuja 1) at the University of Turku. It is located in the campus area next to the University Hill. You will find the registration and information desk in the lobby of the building, right after the main doors. Summer School workshops, conference sessions and keynote lectures will take place in the lecture hall Aava (access from the lobby) and in the seminar rooms on the second floor.







#### Lunches

Lunch is served in the Aurum building (<u>Henrikinkatu 2</u>), a short walk away, on the side of the University Hill. The easiest way to find the place is to follow the organisers. We will distribute lunch tickets for each day to the participants upon registration.



## Summer School's informal get-together (8 June)

Before the actual Summer School starts, there will be an informal get-together for those who are in the city and want to see each other in a relaxed atmosphere. Join us at Gastropub Löytö, where we have reserved a cabinet from 18:00 onwards. Organisers will be there until 20:00, when the restaurant closes. Löytö is on the basement floor at <u>Uudenmaankatu 1</u>. There are temporary wooden structures in front of the entrance, so it can be a bit tricky to spot. This gathering is optional and self-paid.

## Summer School pizza dinner (9 June)

In addition to the conference dinner on 11 June, we will host a more informal pizza dinner for the Summer School participants on Monday 9 June. It will start after the last workshop in the coffee room on the second floor of the Arcanum.

## Summer School excursion (10 June)

On the Summer School excursion, we will take you to two destinations. We will visit the premises of one of our organisers, the Donner Institute, which houses the largest library on religion in the Nordic countries. We will also take you to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Discovered in the 1980s, this underground chapel is also an archaeological site dating back to the 14th century. For those who want to continue the evening together afterwards, we recommend the <u>Church Park Terrace</u>, <u>Brewery</u> <u>Restaurant Koulu</u> and the restaurants on <u>Luostarin Välikatu</u> and <u>Vähätori</u>.

## **Conference dinner (11 June)**

The conference dinner will be on Wednesday 11 June at 18:00 at Restaurant Göran. It is located on the bank of the Aura River near Turku Castle at <u>Linnankatu 72</u>. The distance from the conference venue is 4 km, so the best way to get there is to walk and enjoy the beautiful riverside scenery or share a taxi. The food is lacto-ovo vegetarian and the restaurant has been informed of your special diets.







## Arriving from Turku airport

From Turku Airport you can get to the city centre by bus number 1. Timetables can be found at <a href="https://reittiopas.foli.fi/en/?locale=en">https://reittiopas.foli.fi/en/?locale=en</a>. Tickets can be bought on the bus either in cash or by using contactless payment. You can get off at either Turku Bus Station or Market Square and either walk to the venue or change (with the same ticket) to a bus that comes closer to the university. The nearest stop is called "University (TYKS U-hospital)", Yliopisto (TYKS U-sairaala) in Finnish.

## Arriving from Helsinki Airport

You can travel from Helsinki Airport (also called Helsinki-Vantaa airport) to Turku, either by bus or by train. Bus schedules can be found at <u>https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en</u>. Some buses will stop before the Turku Bus Station at Turku Cathedral, which is a shorter distance to the conference venue.

If you choose to take the train, you must first take the commuter train from the airport to Pasila and change there for the train to Turku. Train timetables and ticket sales can be found at <a href="https://www.vr.fi/en">https://www.vr.fi/en</a>. Find trips between Helsinki Airport – Kupittaa (Turku). There are two train stations in Turku, but Kupittaa station is much closer to the venue, so it is advisable to get off there.

## Arriving by train (from Helsinki)

Numerous direct trains run daily between Helsinki and Turku. There are two train stations in Turku, of which Kupittaa station is within walking distance of the venue. Tickets can be bought at <a href="https://www.vr.fi/en">https://www.vr.fi/en</a>. Purchase a ticket to the station called "Kupittaa (Turku)". If you happen to miss the stop, don't worry, the next stop is the main station in Turku, which is only 2 km away from the university.

#### Arriving by bus (from Helsinki)

Onnibus is generally the cheapest option for bus travel between Helsinki and Turku. It is recommended to buy tickets online in advance: <u>https://www.onnibus.com/home</u>. The bus stops near the university before continuing to the Cathedral and the Bus Station. The name of the stop is "Turku (yliopisto)".





