

Dear ECA2017 participants,

As we are now in the year of the 2nd edition of the ECA conference, it might be a good time to give you some detailed information about our conference so you can plan your trip with all relevant information at hand.

1. General programme

This 2nd edition will follow the structure of the 1st edition of ECA in Lisbon. The idea is that participants should be able to arrive on the first day of the conference in the morning (Tuesday 20.06.2017) and that they should be able to leave, if they want to do so, on the last day (Friday 23.06.2017). The general programme has accordingly been elaborated as follows:

- The conference will open in the afternoon of the first day (Tuesday 20.06.2017) at 17:00, with the 1st keynote lecture at 17:30 (registration will open earlier at around noon at the conference venue). The keynote will be followed by a welcome reception at the conference venue.
- The conference will end at 14:30 on Friday 23.06.2017 with the last keynote lecture, and this should make it possible for participants to get an evening flight back home from Zurich or Geneva. However, we do encourage you to stay an extra night to take part in the excursion (see below)!
- Please note that the conference dinner will take place on Thursday 22.06.2017 (and not on Friday 23.06.2017, as erroneously mentioned on the registration platform)! If you wish to attend, please make sure you book it as you register for the conference.
- Excursions: a city tour is planned on the 1st afternoon of the conference (Tuesday 20.06.2017), before the conference opening between 14:30 and 16:30. Furthermore, a typically Swiss excursion (educated inference: it might involve chocolate) is being planned on the Friday afternoon (23.06.2017) after the final keynote and conference closing. We are still negotiating prices at the moment, so stay tuned for more information.
- All this information is available on our website (http://ecargument.org/?page_id=768). Updates will be posted regularly and the detailed programme with schedules for talks will be available later on in May on the same page.

2. Registration and deadlines

- Reminder: the early-bird deadline for registration is 28 February 2017 and the final deadline for registration is 15 April 2017.
- Our registration platform (<https://events.artefact-sa.ch/artefact/8/home>) allows you to register for the conference but also to book accommodation and the conference dinner. Note that excursions will be available on the same platform once we finish organising them, so be sure to check back regularly and amend your registration as you please.
- We encourage you to register as soon as possible: it not only guarantees room availability for you, but at our end it also allows us to organise the conference optimally. Besides, you can always amend your registration at a later stage until the final deadline (15 April 2017). An illustrated step-by-step procedure on how to register is available on our website at <http://ecargument.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ECA2017-step-by-step-procedure-to-register.pdf>.
- All inquiries regarding registration should be directed to our partner ARTEFACT MANAGEMENT, at the following email address: registration@artefact-sa.ch.

3. Accommodation

We have decided to centralise all registration/administrative matters on the same platform, including accommodation options, to make it easier for participants. Therefore, you will be able to book accommodation directly on our registration platform (<https://events.artefact-sa.ch/artefact/8/home>) as you register for the conference. Please note that together with our partner we have negotiated rates that match the cheapest option found on alternative websites (under the same conditions). All rooms offered on the registration platform are guaranteed to be within 20 minutes (either walking or by public transportation) from the conference venue. Booking through the registration platform guarantees room availability and competitive prices.

All accommodation options along with details (locations, prices, access, etc.) are listed on our website: http://ecargument.org/?page_id=948.

All this information, and much more, is available at www.ecargument.org. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Fribourg in June!

All best wishes,

Steve Oswald, for the ECA2017 Organising Committee