

Practical information Positivity VII, 22-26 July, 2013

1. Venues

Conference venue

With the exception of the excursion, all activities (including lunch, Wine and Cheese party on Monday and drinks on Thursday) will take place at the dish-like lecture room building of the Gorlaeus Laboratoria at the Science Campus of Leiden University, located at:

Einsteinweg 55
2333 CC Leiden



See the map below of the region between Leiden Central Station and the conference venue on the Science Campus, which is located in the northwest corner of Leiden near the A44 highway.

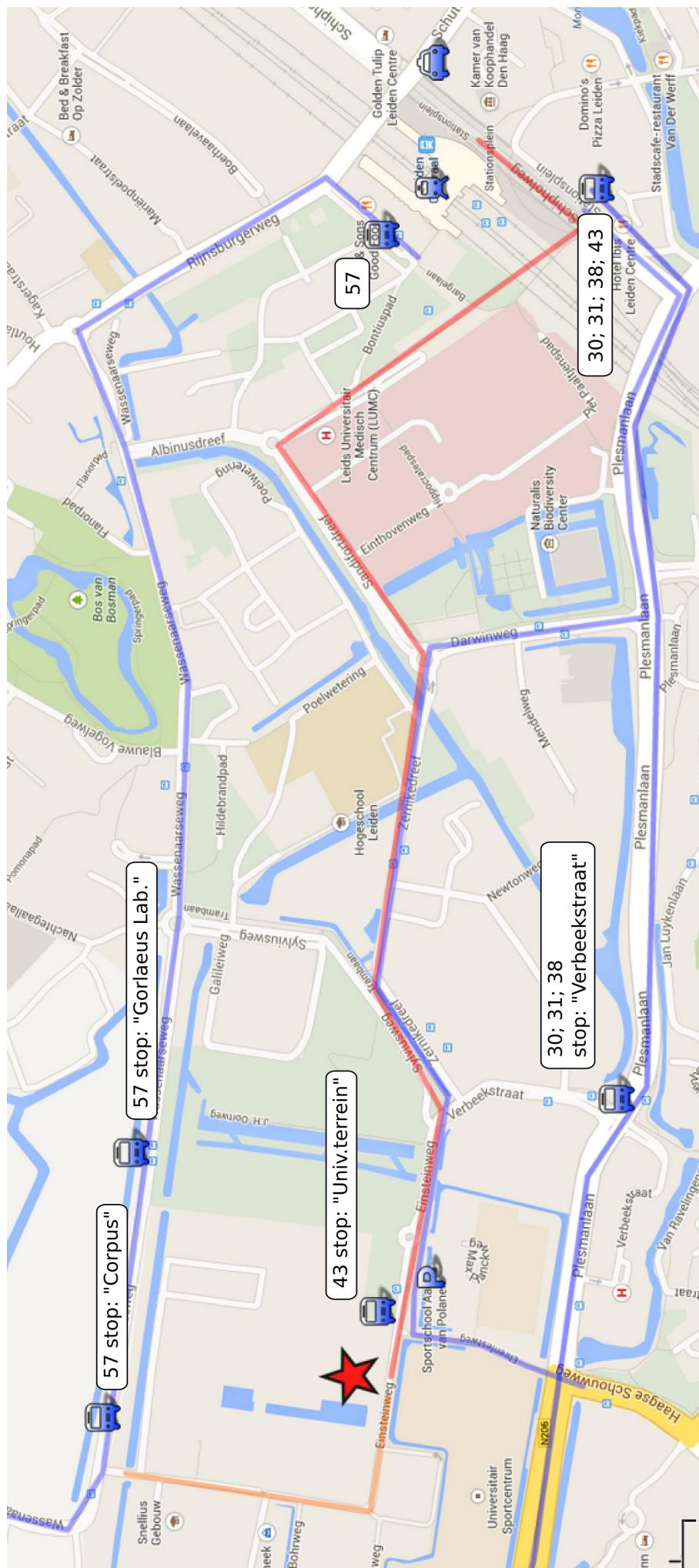
Excursion

The excursion on Wednesday July 24 is a five hour boat tour (on two boats, with sufficient room on and also below deck) on the lakes and canals in the vicinity of Leiden. The conference buffet will take place during the boat tour. At 16:30hr buses will take us for a 15 minute ride from the conference venue to the departure point of the boats just outside Leiden (where there is also some parking space):

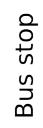
Zijldijk 30
2352 AB Leiderdorp

The boats leave at 17:00hr and we expect to be back around 22:00hr, so that the buses can take us back around 22:30hr, with a drop-off route including Central Station/Ibis, Van der Valk Leiden, Holiday Inn, and Hilton Garden Inn. People staying at hotels in the inner city of Leiden are kindly requested to get off the bus at Central Station/Ibis and walk from there.

Getting to the conference venue:



Conference Venue "Gorlaeus Lab."
Einsteinweg 55
2333 CCC Leiden



Bus stop



Train station: "Leiden Centraal"



Taxis



Parking

Bus route



Suggested pedestrian route



2. Travel information

Getting from Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) to Leiden by train

Schiphol train station is located directly underneath the airport, at Schiphol Plaza. A one-way ticket costs 5.40 euro at the yellow ticket vending machines, which accept major creditcards, but you can also buy a ticket at the ticket office in the large Plaza hall at 50 cents extra. There are also some ticket vending machines in the luggage hall.

You will see people checking into the public transport system with a chipcard, but this is not compulsory and for the train it does not bring any discount as compared with the ticket vending machines.

Trains to Leiden Central Station (direction Den Haag, Rotterdam, Vlissingen, and others) depart every 15 minutes and take about 20 minutes. Usually they depart from tracks 5 and 6, but check the boards hanging over the escalators. The general schedule is on yellow billboards in the Plaza hall. Almost all southbound trains stop in Leiden, which is the first major city south of the airport, and for many of those Leiden is also the first stop. Names of stations are sometimes announced over the intercom in Dutch, but most trains have internal displays showing the next stop and naturally the station's name is on the platform.

Getting from Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) to Leiden by taxi

A taxi stand is located outside the arrival hall at Schiphol airport. A one-way trip to Leiden costs 50-60 euro.

Getting from Leiden Central Station to your hotel

Leave the train station at the city center side, where you will see the bus station to your right and the elevated taxi stand to your left.

If you are staying at Ibis or a hotel in the inner city, you will probably find this to be within walking distance of the station (Ibis is even across the street 200m to your right), certainly if you have luggage on wheels. A hotel like Nieuw Minerva or De Doelen will take you about 10 minutes on foot, Mayflower only 5.

If you are staying at, e.g., Van der Valk Leiden (which many people in Leiden still know under its former name "Het Haagsche Schouw"), Holiday Inn or Hilton Garden Inn, this is a 35 minute walk. A taxi to these hotels should be 15 euro approximately. If you want to take a bus instead, use

<http://9292.nl/en>

but please note that even for such short trips a ticket bought at the bus will cost 2 euro at a bus of the Arriva company and even 4 euro at a bus of the Veolia company. (See "Public transport in the Netherlands" below, though).

Getting to the conference venue

On foot from the city center side of Leiden Central Station

If you don't have a bicycle, then, given the price and frequency of the buses, this is the recommended way. It takes about 25 minutes, depending on your pace, and the route is indicated on the map above. Here is a description:

- Facing Leiden Central Station from the city center side, turn left and walk through the bus station along the railway until you encounter a tunnel (Joop Walenkamptunnel) under the railway at your right. For guests staying at the Ibis hotel, this is the tunnel they see slightly to the right when exiting the hotel.
- Walk through the tunnel and continue your direction (do not turn right to the rear station

entrance) for several hundred meters, with the main building of the hospital and then the car parking at your left (Albinusdreef), until you get to a roundabout. At that point, turn left (Sandifortdreef).

- After a few hundred meters there is a roundabout. You will see a pedestrian air bridge over the road to your left. At that point, continue your direction slightly to the right (Zernikedreef).
- Follow the Zernikedreef, including a slight curve to the left, for several hundred meters until it ends. You see the Astellas building and sport fields to your right.
- At that point, turn right and follow the road (Einsteinweg), including the curve to the left, passing the Astellas building and the sports fields.
- At the roundabout you will see the dish-like lecture room building in front of you, at the right side of the road. This is the conference venue. You will see the entrance once you have passed the dish.

If you want to save two minutes, you can also ignore the Joop Walenkamptunnel, continue along the railway and take the other tunnel (seen left when exiting Ibis) to the right, follow the Plesmanlaan and at the rusty pieces of art turn right onto the Darwinweg, with the pedestrian air bridge above it. In that case you will have more car traffic beside you. To save an extra minute, with still more traffic, you can follow the Plesmanlaan longer and turn right later, onto the Verbeekstraat.

By bike

A bicycle is THE means of transportation in Leiden. Distances are small and there are very many bicycle lanes, making cycling very safe. Before renting a bike, please inquire at your hotel whether secure bike parking during the night is available.

On a bike, you can take the pedestrian route described above, or the alternative using the Plesmanlaan and the Darwinweg, but not the one following the Plesmanlaan and the Verbeekstraat, as the bicycle lane along the Plesmanweg turns away from it to the right and continues along the Darwinweg.

There are bikes available for rental at the bicycle shop/parking at the rear exit of the railway station building, at "Fietspoint Oldenburger":

<http://www.fietspoint.com/huren/>

Prices are about 7,50 euro per bike per day or 37,50 per week. Rentals have to be paid in advance with a cash deposit of 50 euro and valid identification has to be shown. Availability is limited. Reservations can only be made by telephone: +31 (0)71-512 0068.

An alternative is to rent a bike at "Huurmij" (=Rentme), a car rental company that also rents bikes:

<http://www.huurmij.nl/fiestenvespaverhuur.html>

at rates unknown to the organizers. It is located five minutes on foot from Leiden Central Station at

Sint Aagtenstraat 14
2312 CB Leiden
Tel. +31 (0)71-5134700.
email leiden@huurmij.nl

By bus from Leiden Central Station

To get to the conference venue from “Leiden Centraal” you can take buses 30, 31, 38, 43 or 57. Bus 43 stops right in front of the conference venue. The other buses stop within walking distance of the conference venue (roughly 5 minutes, see map).

Each bus line departs roughly every 30 minutes. Do check the website <http://9292.nl/en> for exact times.

You can buy a ticket from the bus driver when getting on the bus at what is a stiff price for just a few minutes' ride, indicated in the table below (see “Public transport in the Netherlands” below, though). Do note whether the bus is traveling in the correct direction (displayed on the front of the bus). Upcoming stops are usually displayed inside the bus. Press the “stop” button when you want to get off at the next stop, else the bus might not stop at the stop you want to get off at.

Line	Direction	Stop	Price
30, 31, 38	Katwijk	Verbeekstraat	2 EUR
43	Den Haag CS	Universiteitsterrein	4 EUR
57	Lisse	Gorlaeus Laboratoria OR Corpus	2 EUR

Note: Bus 57 stops outside the northwest exit of the station. Busses 30, 31, 38, and 43 stop outside the southeast exit of the station (the side facing the city center, see map).

By car

The easiest way is to use the A44 highway to the west of Leiden, although the A4 is also possible, as the passage from east to west avoids the inner city.

At the A44, take exit 8 (N206) and once you get to the provincial road N206 follow direction Leiden. While doing so you will see a meadow to your right and a gas station to your left. Follow any signs to Bio Science Park you might see and after several hundred meters, at the second traffic lights, turn left to the Bio Science Park. Follow the curve in the road, and at the roundabout continue your direction towards the now visible dish.

At the A4, take exit 7 (N206). Drive in the direction "Leiden Voorschoten" on route N206. Follow the N206 in the direction "Leiden-Zuid / Katwijk", with a right-turn when you see the Bastion Hotel at your left. After about 3 km, including a bridge roughly halfway, when the Holiday Inn hotel is to the left in front of you and you see a meadow to the right in front of you, take a right turn at the traffic lights and follow the N206 in the direction "Amsterdam / Den Haag". After 100 meter there are again traffic lights and you turn right towards Leiden. After 200 meters, at the next traffic lights, you turn left onto the Bio Science Park. Follow the road curving left, and at the roundabout you will see the dish.

If you should inadvertently approach the campus by car from the north side, via the Wassenaarseweg, please note that poles in the Niels Bohrweg prevent passage by cars, and that the link via the Max Planckweg, which on old maps is shown between the Wassenaarsweg and the Einsteinweg, no longer exists. From the Wassenaarseweg, you have to take the Sylviusweg and Zernikedreef to get to the Einsteinweg.

There is a car parking at the Einsteinweg 100 m to the left before the dish, and the beam will be open for the duration of the conference.

Public transport in the Netherlands

The schedules of all trains, buses, trams, subways and ferries in the Netherlands are available through the public transport travel planner <http://9292.nl/en>.

With the exception of ferries, it is possible to use a chipcard to pay the fare. This non-mandatory chipcard is called the “OV-chipkaart” in Dutch, where OV = Openbaar Vervoer = Public Transport. The chipcard is held close to the card reader to check in, and likewise to check out. Card readers for trains and subways are typically located at the entrance of the station or platform, for trams and buses they can be found near the entrance.

For trains, tickets bought at the yellow vending machines have the same price as when paid using the chipcard, but for buses and trams (and the subway in Amsterdam or Rotterdam) it is considerably cheaper to use the chipcard than to buy a single ticket. A bus ride on line 43 from the station to the conference venue would be roughly 1.50 EUR using the chipcard, for example, instead of 4 when bought from the driver.

There are two versions of this chipcard, a personal one and an anonymous one (similar to London's Oystercard). You can buy an anonymous “OV-chipkaart” (7.50EUR; this is the cost of the card and cannot be used for fares) from the ticketing machines or ticket office at the train station and charge it. See <https://www.ov-chipkaart.nl/aanvragen/uitleg-anonieme-ovchipkaart/> for further details.

The inner city of Amsterdam is, like Leiden's, best seen on foot, although distances are distinctly larger than in Leiden. The GVB (Gemeentelijk Vervoer Bedrijf = Municipal Transport Company) has a special arrangement, where chipcards can be bought for 7.50 EURO that give unlimited transportation within the GVB-system for 24 hours from first check in (so here one buys transportation and not a card). Cards for 28 hours and up are also available, for details see http://en.gvb.nl/service_en_verkoop/reisproducten/Pages/Dagkaarten.aspx.

Money exchange at Leiden Central Station

You can change money at GWK Travelex in the hall of Leiden Central Station, near the city center exit. Opening hours: 10:00-17:00 on Saturday and Sunday, 8:00-20:00 on weekdays.

ATM's at and near Leiden Central Station

There is an ATM to the right of the GWK Travelex office in the hall of Leiden Central Station. Alternatively, if you exit the station at the city center side, there is an ATM 150 meters in front of you at the left side of the road.

3. Food

A warm lunch is included in the conference fee, as well as the Wine and Cheese party on Monday, the excursion on Wednesday and the drinks on Thursday.

All food at the conference, including the excursion, is halal (in particular: no pork), with the exception of the meat at the Wine and Cheese party on Monday.

Vegetarian and vegan diet wishes will be taken into account.

4. Internet access

There are an eduroam network and an alternative wireless network, called “Leiden University”. All participants will receive personalized login information for “Leiden University”, which is also valid on the 10+ fixed PC's that are available near the library. Please note that the latter are machines that are normally used by students, and that, although the conference is during the summer break, there may still be students who should be allowed to work on these machines.

More information will be provided upon registration.

5. Smoking

Smoking is strictly forbidden inside the buildings of Leiden University. It is allowed outside.