

Dear participants of the block lecture,

The excursion to CERN will start in a few days, so it is time for a few practical updates.

1.) Corona precautions

Transmission rates are still high, recently many of my colleagues got Covid especially at conferences. Please be cautious and responsible in order to stay fit and enable a successful excursion. Reduce the risk of missing out on the trip and the lectures or infecting others. Therefore, I strongly ask and advice you to

- avoid unmasked (indoor) crowds in the 3 days before the start
- still wear an FFP2 mask on the Swiss trains and tram/bus (although, or especially because, there is no mask duty on Swiss public transport anymore and passengers with a positive test are allowed to enter without a mask - protect yourselves!); in any case, masks are still mandatory in German trains
- please wear a mask in the lecture room
- we will have the lunches outside (terrace of the canteen R1)
- 1st test: get tested with a rapid antigen test at a test center on Sunday, 07/08, e.g. at Hannover Hbf (<https://profile.coronatest.de/register/org/medicorum-tam-gmbh>). Because the indoor event starts with the check-in at the CERN hostel on Sunday, you should qualify for the subsidized 3€ test. Show the negative certificate on Monday when entering the seminar room. [Only if it is impossible for you to reach a test center, do a self-test and show it on Monday morning.]
- 2nd test: Bring at least 2 antigen self-test kits with you on the trip. Test yourselves on Wednesday morning in the hostel and show the result. Use the other test if you develop Covid-compatible symptoms.

This procedure cannot entirely exclude the spread of Covid among participants, but the goal is to lower the risk.

2.) Food

- The CERN canteen provides food throughout the day, but it costs around 10 CHF per meal. If you want to prepare your own breakfast and dinner in the hostel kitchen, you can find supermarkets e.g.
- in the central station Geneve Cornavin, open on Sunday (Migros)
- in the train station Geneve Aeroport, open on Sunday (Migros)
- in the French village Saint Genis in walking/bus distance from CERN (Carrefour)
- in Meyrin (Coop) in walking distance/3 tram stops from CERN

Volunteers to coordinate the shopping are Aaron Lehnert and Gina Kleinsteiberg.

3.) Freetime activities

- One idea for you: You can watch the sunset and/or full moon on Thursday evening from the tower of the cathedral. <http://www.cathedrale-geneve.ch/2022/07/03/les-nocturnes-de-saint-pierre/>
- Thursday late afternoon is free in our schedule, so you can use it to see a bit of the beautiful city of Geneva.

Volunteers to coordinate freetime activities are Magdalena Misslisch, Althea Cappelli and Vivian Sattler. There is also a WhatsApp group (see StudIP forum).

4.) Guided CERN tours

We are lucky we got places for a guided tour at CERN and a hands-on workshop.

- Monday 16-17:30: We will build our own bubble chambers to observe particle tracks (<https://scoollab.web.cern.ch/cloud-chamber>).

- Tuesday 9-11: We will have a guided tour to the ATLAS control room (<https://atlas.cern/Discover/Visit>) and the synchrocyclotron (<https://home.cern/science/accelerators/synchrocyclotron>). In addition, you will have the possibility to visit the Microcosm (<https://visit.cern/microcosm>) and Universe of Particles (<https://visit.cern/universe-of-particles>).

5.) Location

The lecture room is 4/S-030, see <https://maps.web.cern.ch>.

The main entrance is next to building 55. The visitor entrance is at 33. The CERN hostel is in 38, 39 and 41, with the reception in 39.

If you have questions, please post them in the StudIP forum.

Your hostel booking is binding. In case you cannot participate due to sickness or similar (hopefully all are staying healthy!), please let me know as soon as possible. We have a waiting list.

Looking forward to seeing you at CERN. Have a smooth trip to Geneva.

Best regards,

Elina Fuchs