

EBNet Early Career Researcher Conference 2023

Joining Instructions

30 August to 1 September 2023, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

Thank you for joining us for the 5th annual EBNet ECR Conference.

This event will start with registration and the plenary speaker, plus drinks reception, on the evening of Wednesday 30th August. This is followed by the 2-day conference over Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September. Register from 5 pm on Wednesday. The evening dinner is held after the main sessions and a poster session on Thursday evening. Any changes to these instructions and the agenda will be shown on our [web page](#), so please check before travel.

Conference Venue

**James Watt 2 (JW2),
Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS**

The campus map, marked up with our venues, is shown at the end of this document.

Pre-booked Accommodation: General

Due to high demand, the pre-booked accommodation for delegates will be spread across two hotels in Edinburgh. One is on-site at Heriot-Watt University in the Paul Stobart building (see map at the end of the document). The second is at Destiny Student Brae House in central Edinburgh. A courtesy bus has been arranged (for times, see below), or this is an approx. 60 min. bus ride away from the venue.

All attendees have been allocated accommodation and your notification email will state which hotel you are allocated.

Pre-booked Accommodation: Destiny Student Brae House

Address: 31 Abbeyhill, Edinburgh, EH8 8EL. Tel: 0131 344 4897 (option 1)
See: <https://destinystudentholyroodbraehouse.com-edinburgh.com/en/>

Destiny Student Holyrood (Brae House Campus Accommodation) is a glass-covered student campus accommodation lying in the shadow of Arthur's Seat. Sitting at the foot of the Royal Mile, the National Parliament and Holyrood Palace are less than 5 minutes' walk away. A short stroll up the Royal Mile brings guests in the heart of the Old Town, Edinburgh's historic district.

Check-In and Check-Out

Check-in from **15:00 hrs** and the reception is open 24 hrs. Check-out until **10:00 hrs**.

This is basic campus accommodation, so you may wish to bring your own towel. Alternatively, one can be obtained for a small fee from reception.

Breakfast

No breakfast is provided, but rooms have access to a shared fully equipped kitchen. You may reclaim reasonable expenses towards breakfast and £3/day towards towel hire from your travel bursary claim. This is in addition to the £200 towards travel. It may be worth trying the [Red Kite Cafe](#), [Little Fitzroy](#) or [Twelve Triangles](#). We will also be providing some biscuits/pastries on arrival.

Travel from Brae House to James Watt Conference Centre – as a group

EBNet have hired a coach to transport delegates to/from Brae House as follows:

Wednesday 30th August

Make your own way to the Plenary Session at JW2 at 18:00 hrs, with registration from 17:00 hrs.

22:00 hrs: Free coach from JW2 to Brae House

Thursday 31st August

08:15 hrs: Free coach from Brae House to JW2

22:00 hrs: Free coach from JW2 to Brae House

Friday

08:15 hrs: Free coach from Brae House to JW2

15:30 pm: Free coach to central Edinburgh main train/bus terminal: Princes Street.

Travel from Brae House to James Watt Conference Centre – as an individual

Travel time is approx. 60 minutes by bus. There are many options for travel. One option is the **35** bus from Abbey Mount to The Avenue. Or you can walk to the centre of Edinburgh and find more options at the city centre (Princes Street). Find your best route here: <https://www.lothianbuses.com/maps-and-times/network-maps/>. However, **for travel bursary purposes, we will expect delegates to use the free bus service provided unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

Pre-booked Accommodation – Paul Stobart Building

Address: Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS

(Campus map below and <https://www.hw.ac.uk/documents/edinburgh-campus-map.pdf>)

Check-In and Check-Out

All guests are required to check-in at Main Reception, with a registration card provided by reception staff to be completed on arrival. Check-in times on day of arrival are **14:00 hrs to 19:45 hrs** unless by prior arrangement. Check-out time is strictly by **10:00 hrs** on the day of departure.

Breakfast

Breakfast is at **Bistro 1776, Edinburgh Business School** which opens at **08:30 hrs** each morning. Guests should collect vouchers for breakfast from reception when they check in.

Special requests

They will do their best to accommodate any special requests from guests; however, they cannot guarantee this. Please contact conference@hw.ac.uk directly to discuss any special requirements you may have.

Getting there

The JW2 Conference Centre at Heriot-Watt University is 3 miles from the airport and 6 miles from the city centre/train station. There is a very good direct tram system from the city centre to the University. The Citymapper app now covers Edinburgh: <https://citymapper.com/> and works with most forms of travel.

Potential for travel disruption.

Unions must give at least two weeks' notice before going on strike. Please double-check your plans in advance of travel.

Travelling by plane

Edinburgh Airport is a large international airport with direct flights to many cities including London, Belfast and Birmingham.

You can **catch a bus or tram from the airport, alight at Haymarket station** and get the **25 Lothian bus from Dalry Road** directly to campus. This bus takes around 30 minutes and runs every 10 minutes during the day and every 15 minutes after 8:00 pm.

Travelling by train

Edinburgh Waverley is Edinburgh's main train station located in the city centre, with direct trains to many Scottish and English cities. Many journeys will also stop at **Haymarket station** which is located at the edge of the city centre (closer to campus). The easiest way to get to campus is to hop on the **25 Lothian bus from Princes St (Stop PP)** which takes around 30 minutes.

Bus

A number of Lothian Bus routes service the Heriot-Watt campus to and from the city centre every 10 minutes during the day and every 15 minutes after 8 pm. The journey will take you 30-40 minutes (but note that the journey from Brae House to JW2 can be up to 60 minutes). See:

<https://www.lothianbuses.com/timetables/>

Coach

All National Express coaches arrive at Edinburgh Bus Station, located in the heart of the city centre. This is an affordable way to travel and the option of some overnight services.

Parking at Heriot-Watt Campus

Currently Heriot-Watt University offer **free car parking** on campus. If you require confirmation, please contact conference@hw.ac.uk for details. All vehicles left on campus are at the owner's risk and the university does not accept liability for any damage or loss while on campus.

Programme Information

See our [Agenda](#) online for detailed information. Highlights are below (note that timings may change, so see the [website](#) for up-to-date information):

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Wed 30 Aug	17:00 – 18:00 hrs	Arrival/registration (JW2 Lounge)
	18:00 – 19:00 hrs	Plenary session: Prof Mike Manefield, UNSW (JW2 Hall)
	19:00 – 22:00 hrs	Evening drinks and buffet (JW2 Lounge)
	22:00 hrs	Coach to Brae House
Thu 31 Aug	8:15 hrs	Coach from Brae House to JW2
	9:00 – 9:30 hrs	Arrival refreshments (JW2 Lounge)
	9:30 – 18:00 hrs	Conference Sessions (JW2)
	18:00 – 19:00 hrs	Free time
	19:00 – 22:00 hrs	Evening dinner (JW2 Lounge)
	22:00 hrs	Coach to Brae House
Fri 01 Sep	8:15 hrs	Coach from Brae House to JW2
	9:00 – 9:30 hrs	Arrival refreshments (JW2 Lounge)
	9:30 – 14:15 hrs	Conference Sessions (JW2)
	14:15 – 15:00 hrs	Prize Giving – A/Prof Tony Gutierrez
	15:00 – 15:30 hrs	Close and collect posters
	15:30 hrs	Coach to Edinburgh Waverley (first come, first served)

Conference Information

ARRIVAL: We ask late arrivals to use the sign-in sheet when they arrive and join us quietly. Please sign in, collect your conference ID and programme from the registration desk inside.

POSTER: If you have brought your own poster, affix to the poster boards (in the exhibition space) at the next available break. Fixings will be available on the board or from the registration desk. If we have printed your poster for you, it should already be on display.

PRESENTATION: To upload a presentation, see Angie Bywater at the first opportunity, in advance of your session. Ideally, please send it to us well **in advance** to minimise delay on the day.

DEPARTURE: Please return your ID and remove your poster. And remember to return your accommodation key to reception when you check out in the morning! We will have a room to store suitcases at the venue.

CATERING: Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available at the beginning of each day and during breaks. A buffet-style lunch will be provided each day. Attendees with a special diet need to make themselves known to the catering team on the conference days and for the dinner.

For any delegate who told us that they have a nut allergy, the venue catering team advise that they can provide food that does not contain nuts, BUT they do not operate a nut free kitchen, therefore cannot guarantee that any items provided are 100% free from nuts or traces of nuts or has not come into contact with nuts. Those with nut allergies have been advised of this by email and therefore must consume the food at their own risk.

INTERNET: Heriot-Watt University provides Eduroam. There is free wi-fi. Ask at the reception desk for details.

ECR Travel Bursary

We offer up to **£200** towards essential travel expenses which – according to standard University rules - has various stipulations, e.g. use the cheapest available route, no first-class travel, etc. Ask us in advance of purchase if unsure whether your expense is covered. Please ensure that you keep all receipts. Note that the ECR Travel Bursary will only consider taxi expenses where there is no reasonable public transport alternative. Taxi sharing is allowed if it is economical to do so (state on claim that it was shared). Forms have been sent out at notification.

If you have any queries or other requirements, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Send queries to Angie and Louise at EBNet@ebnet.ac.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Edinburgh Campus

www.hw.ac.uk/
directions-edinburgh

SERVICES

- A** George Heriot Wing - Gait 9
- B** Health Centre - Gait 9
- C** The Music Cottage
- D** Students Union - Gait 7
- E** Estate Office - Gait 6
- F** Recycling Centre - Gait 5
- G** Media Services: Graphics and Printing - Gait 6
- H** Health and Safety / Procurement Services Stores - Gait 6
- I** Mail Room - Gait 6
- J** Nursery - Gait 1
- K** Chaplaincy - Gait 4
- L** Audio Visual Services - Gait 12
- M** Moyen House - Finance / Procurement Services

- E** Cash Machine - Free
- E** Cash Machine - charges for cash transactions

RESIDENCES AND FLATS

- Residences East - Gait 9**
 - a** Leonard Horner Hall
- Residences West**
 - b** Lord Thomson Hall - Gait 16
 - c** George Burnett Hall - Gait 16
 - d** Robin Smith Hall - Gait 16
 - e** Christina Miller Halls - Gait 13
 - f** Lord Home Hall - Gait 13
 - g** Robert Bryson Hall - Gait 12
 - h** Anna Macleod Hall
 - i** Muriel Spark Hall
 - j** Mary Fergusson Hall
- Short Term Accommodation**
 - k** West Cottage - Curriehill Road
 - l** Paul Stobart Building - Gait 12
 - m** East Lodge - The Avenue
 - n** North Cottage - Calder Road
 - i** Please check in at Main Reception

EDINBURGH CONFERENCE CENTRE

- 1** James Watt I (Auditorium) / James Watt II
- Meeting Rooms**
 - a** Leonard Horner Conference Lounge
 - 10** 2nd Floor: Cedar Room, Cedar Suite
Oak Room, Beech Room
1st Floor: Lecture Theatre 4
Ground Floor: Lecture Theatres 1-3

CATERING OUTLETS

- 4** Ground Floor: Bistro 1776
- 5** Ground Floor: Dewey's
- 10** 1st Floor: Central Food Court / Brio
Ground Floor: Elements / The Piece
- 18** Ground Floor: DaVincis'

RETAIL OUTLETS

- 10** Ground Floor: Student Shop / Hairdresser

VISITOR CAR PARKING

- P** All visitors must use Car Park A, B, G, H, I or J on entering the campus.
- ♿** Accessible parking - blue badge holders only. Additional accessible parking spaces are available throughout the campus, disabled visitors should make arrangements in advance to ensure an appropriately allocated parking space is made available.
- EV** Electric vehicle charging station



The conference site is marked Building: "1". The accommodation block, Paul Stobart, is marked short-term accommodation: "I". For breakfast, Bistro 1776 is marked catering outlet: "4". The original map can be found at <https://www.hw.ac.uk/documents/edinburgh-campus-map.pdf>

Brae House Accommodation

