

October 17 – 19th

an unofficial guide

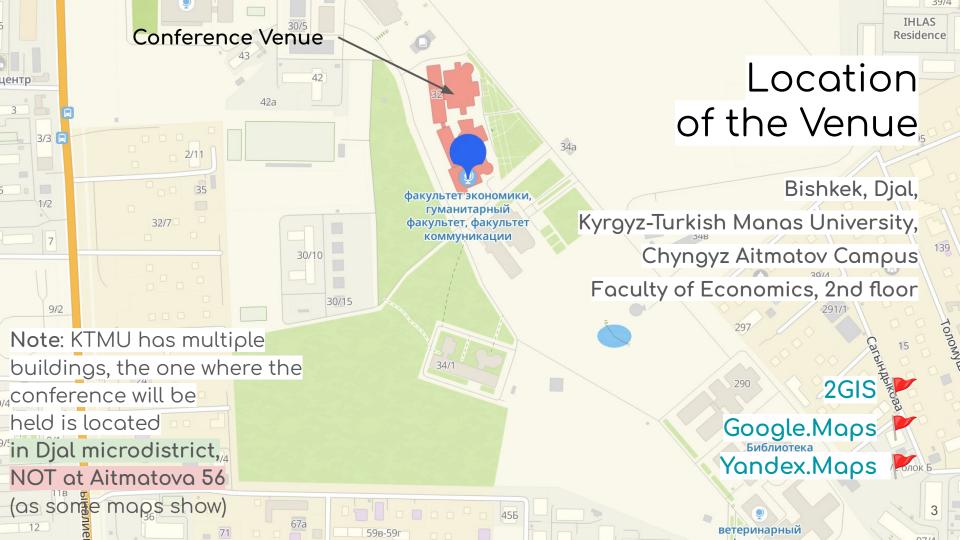
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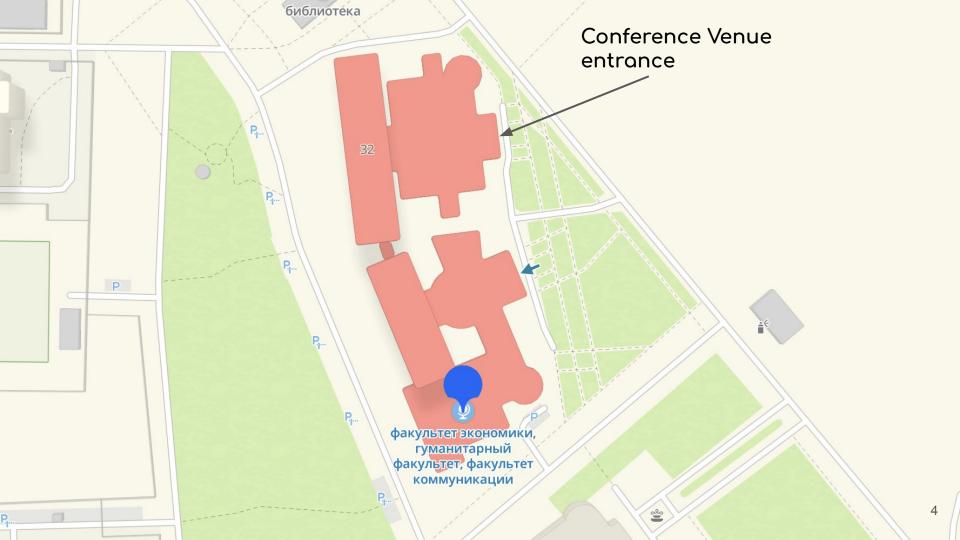
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a famously rare black stork from the stamp series 'Flora and Fauna of Kyrgyzstan'



«aucm» (aist) is a Russian word for stork







How to Get to the City Center



The easiest way to get to the city center is to call a taxi, e. g. Yandex. Taxi is a popular Uber/Lyft-like service





Bus. How to get from your location can be found in the **2gis application**



Bus/Marshrutka (minibus). How to get from your location can be found in the <u>2gis application</u>

Conference Halls

Photos and instructions for the conference halls/rooms will be made available closer to the conference start date in the Telegram chat

In case of **any trouble entering the campus or the University**, please let the organizers know via a Telegram chat

Please note that there won't be many options with regard to anyone's preferences: KTMU's policy is that the very same lunch is served to students and teachers alike at KTMU.

Suggestions for Accommodation in Bishkek



* discounts are available through the organizers

Hotel Bridges Bishkek*	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 709 80 88 80
SK Hotel	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 770 03 18 66
Отель Амбассадор	booking	maps	+996 312 97 98 98
Orient Hotel Bishkek	booking	maps	+996 706 14 01 60
Plaza Hotel Bishkek	<u>booking</u>	<u>maps</u>	+996 770 05 04 30
Five Hotel	<u>booking</u>	<u>maps</u>	+996 995 24 42 44
Ramada By Wyndham	booking	maps	+996 552 55 28 03
City Stay Bishkek	<u>booking</u>	maps	+996 701 97 99 98

Kyrgyzstan: What You Might Need to Know (if You Don't)

Currency	Kyrgyz som	100 KGS ≈ 1.2 USD ≈ 113 RUR 1 USD ≈ 84.70 KGS ≈ 95.62 RUR (the up-to-date rates: <u>https://valuta.kg/</u>)
Russian payment cards	We advise to have some cash on you	MIR cards still work in some places; Russian VISA/MasterCard do not
Weather	+9+15 C are expected (<u>meteum</u>)	We advise to consult the forecast and dress accordingly
Alcohol	No special restrictions	
Smoking	Forbidden in public transport and indoor public places	
How to say 'hello', 'sorry', 'thanks'	Knowing these phrases in Kyrgyz is a great idea; also note that most people in Bishkek speak Russian as well	Hello = Салам, Саламатсызбы = Salam, Salamatsyzby Thanks = Рахмат = Rakhmat Sorry = Кечиресиз = Kechires y z

Apps for Your Convenience

- Cabs: Yandex.Taxi, etc.
- Food delivery: Namba Food/Glovo, etc.
- Maps: 2GIS
 (Google/Yandex.Maps content is often outdated)

Must-Visit Sights in Bishkek

https://www.bucketlistly.blog/posts/10-things-to-do-bishkek-kyrgyzstan

Local Cuisine

In Bishkek, one can find places which can offer the gems of Dungan, Uyghur, Koryo-saram cuisine, and — of course — Kyrgyz cuisine

Usually can be found on Map: <u>2GIS</u>

The best cafes in Bishkek: TripAdvisor

The best restaurants in Bishkek: <u>TripAdvisor</u>

Frequently Asked Questions

- Conference fee?
 None. The participation is free.
- Restaurants near the conference venue?

 Yes, 10 mins by walk: Doyum kebap, City, Lotus, Hunkar baklava
- How do I choose the Currency Exchange places?
 Which of them typically offer reasonable rates?
 We recommend exchanging money in banks
- The best souvenirs from Kyrgyzstan? Where to buy? Souvenirs can be bought in: <u>TSUM</u>, <u>Tumar stores</u>, etc.

We Hope You Enjoy Your Time in Bishkek!

