

VENUE

Universidad de Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), Spain

Underground Imaginaries will take place in the city centre campus of the Universidad de Alcalá, at the historical [Edificio del Rectorado](#) (Colegio San Ildefonso, Plaza San Diego), located in the town of Alcalá de Henares, a 30-minute drive east of Madrid.

With one of the oldest universities in Spain, [Alcalá is considered a World Heritage Center by the UNESCO](#).

HOW TO GET TO ALCALÁ

From Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport



- **By taxi**

Take a taxi from the airport to Alcalá de Henares. The journey takes about 20-30 minutes and the fare is approximately 40-50€.



- **By bus**

The simplest and most comfortable way to get to Alcalá de Henares is to take [bus number 824](#) from airport terminals T1 and T2 (Barajas airport). Get off the bus in Vía Complutense-Calle Brihuega (or nearby) in Alcalá de Henares, which is located in the city centre and is close to the conference venue and most hotels. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes and the ticket price is around 3.60€. Tickets are purchased on board.

Cash only!

There are buses every 40 minutes from Mon-Fri between 6.40 and 22.00. There are also buses during the weekend.

There is also an [Express Bus Service](#) from terminals T1, T2 and T4 to the centre of Madrid. The last stop is Atocha, from where you can take a local train (Cercanías, lines **C2** and **C7/Alcalá de Henares/Guadalajara**) to Alcalá de Henares.



- **By local train**

[Line C1](#) connects Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport terminal T4 with the centre of Madrid. To get to Alcalá de Henares, take this line from the airport and get off at Chamartín, Nuevos Ministerios, Recoletos or Atocha, where you can change to lines **C2** or **C7** to Alcalá de Henares. Get off at the stop [Alcalá de Henares](#) and [not Alcalá de Henares Universidad](#).

The journey from the airport to Atocha takes around 27 minutes. The ticket costs around 2.60€ plus 3.40€ from Atocha to Alcalá de Henares.




- **By underground**

Take **Line 8 (the pink line)** from terminal T4 or terminals T1, T2 and T3 (a single station) from Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport, to Nuevos Ministerios. Then follow the signs for Cercanías (local trains). After purchasing your ticket from the ticket office or a machine, look for the platform for **line C7**, which ends in Alcalá de Henares, or **line C2**, which ends in Guadalajara. Check the final destination as well as the number of the line. Get off at Alcalá de Henares station.

The journey from Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas Airport to Alcalá de Henares station takes around 1 hour 30 minutes and costs 4.50€ (underground) plus 3.40€ (train).

From Madrid

- **By car** 

Take the A-2 in the direction of Zaragoza. Leave the road at exit 23 following the signs to Alcalá de Henares (Oeste). The journey takes around 30 minutes.

- **By train** 

From Chamartín, Nuevos Ministerios, Recoletos and Atocha railway stations, follow the signs to Cercanías (local trains). After purchasing your ticket, look for **line C7** to Alcalá de Henares or **C2** to Guadalajara. Get off at Alcalá de Henares. The journey takes about 50 minutes and the ticket costs 3.40 € (cash or card). Get off at the stop Alcalá de Henares and not Alcalá de Henares Universidad.

- **By bus** 

There are excellent connections between Madrid and Alcalá de Henares from the Transport Interchange Complex (Intercambiador) in Avenida de América (Avenida de América underground station). From there take the ALSA intercity **bus number 223**, which has departures every 10-15 minutes. Get off the bus in Vía Complutense-Calle Brihuega in Alcalá de Henares. The journey takes about 40 minutes and the ticket price is 3.40 €.

More info: <http://alcalaturismo.com/en/how-to-get-to-alcala>

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION (central, close to the conference venue and affordable)

Hotel	Single/double room/night
• Residencia San Ildefonso	Very limited number of rooms available Located in the historical building of El Rectorado at the heart of Alcalá, this residency for researchers is part of the Universidad de Alcalá. It offers simple en suite accommodation in a historical and central building. Rooms go fast. 35€/45€ Bookings: sanildefonso@crusa.es
• Hostel Complutum	This hostel is right next to the historical building of El Rectorado. It offers individual, double and shared rooms. Contact the hostel for prices
• Hotel Miguel de Cervantes **	This hotel is right next to the historical building of El Rectorado. Contact the hotel for prices
• Hotel El Bedel ***	This hotel is right next to the historical building of El Rectorado. Contact the hotel for prices
• Hotel Evenia Alcalá Boutique ***	Contact the hotel for prices

There are other options, such as the Parador de Alcalá de Henares ****, the Hotel AC Alcalá de Henares *** and Rafaelhoteles Forum Alcalá ****.

EATING OUT

Lunch is not included in our conference programme. There are plenty of bars and restaurants around the conference venue, for example around Plaza de Cervantes and Calle Libreros. Most restaurants have a 3-course lunch menu (around 12€). Please note that lunch time in Spain starts around 13.30h and kitchens might be closed until then.

USEFUL LINKS

- [Official Tourist Guide \(for conferences\): Alcalá de Henares](#)
- [Alcalá: Official Tourism Website](#)
- [Madrid: Official Tourism Website](#)