

General information

NOPSA 2011 – XVI Nordic Political Science Congress
9–12 August 2011 at Åbo Akademi University in Vaasa, Finland

Congress organisers

XVI Nordic Political Science Congress is arranged by the Nordic Political Science Association (NoPSA) and the Department of Politics at Åbo Akademi University. The academic convenor is Lauri Karvonen, president of NoPSA (2008–2011) and professor at Åbo Akademi. Conference services are provided by Congrex/Blue & White Conferences.

Programme

The 2011 congress commences on Tuesday 9th of August and will continue until Friday 12th of August. During these days parallel workshop sessions devoted to the presentation and discussion of papers are held. The keynote address will be given by Professor Susan Banducci (University of Exeter) on Thursday forenoon. The programme also includes excursions, evening reception, congress dinner and NoPSA board meeting. See separate programme for more detailed information.

Place of venue

The congress will be held at the Åbo Akademi Campus in Vasa (*Finnish: Vaasa*). The address is *Rantakatu 2* (in Finnish) or *Strandgatan 2* (in Swedish). The most convenient way for you to get from the town center square to the Åbo Akademi Campus is by walking about 600 meters along Hovioikeudenpustikko/ Hovrättsesplanaden until you get to Rantakatu/Strandgatan. Turn to the right and follow Rantakatu/Strandgatan for another 400 meters (see also the red dashed line on the map below).

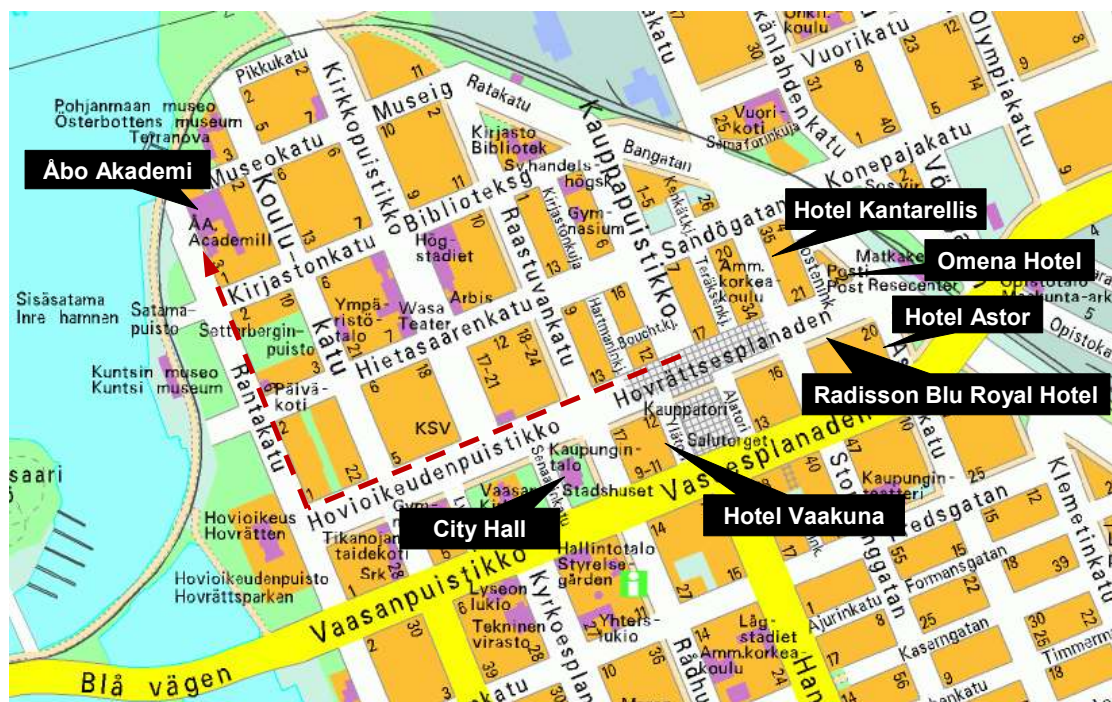
Registration and congress fee

The congress fee should be paid at the time of registration by credit card or by means of bank transfer. It will be possible to register as of February 2011. Participants who register by Monday 16 May 2011 will pay an early-bird registration fee (240 EUR), whereas later registration and payment will be subject to a higher fee (350 EUR). OBS! Last date for

online registration is August 1. After that, registration and payment is possible only on location. The fee includes participation in the workshop activities, coffee, lunches, reception, congress dinner and congress material. More information is available via the link [Registration and accommodation](#) on the congress website.

Accommodation

Participants will as part of the (online) congress registration process be offered accommodation at special congress rates at four hotels (Hotel Astor, Hotel Kantarellis, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel and Sokos Hotel Vaakuna). Omena Hotel is recommended if you are looking for a less expensive alternative. You can find more information (including hotel rates and booking) via the link [Registration and accommodation](#) on the congress website. (For more information about accommodation in Vaasa, see <http://matkailu.vaasa.fi/> > in English > STAY).



To and from Vaasa

Direct daily flights are available both from Helsinki to Vaasa (www.finnair.fi and www.blue1.com), from Stockholm to Vaasa (www.sas.se and www.blue1.com) and via Riga (www.airbaltic.com). By train you can travel to Vaasa from both Helsinki and Tampere (www.vr.fi). The train and bus stations are at short walking distance from the town center. Vaasa airport is about 10 kilometers from the town center. In the Vaasa area, you can order local taxis by calling +358 600 30011. Taxi stands are also located at Hovioikeudenpuistikko/ Hovrättsesplanaden 10 and 23. (For more information about how to travel to and in Vaasa, as well as other relevant information, see the tourist information site <http://matkailu.vaasa.fi/> > in English > TRAVEL).

Contacts

For questions regarding the scientific programme of the congress and the place of venue you may contact Peter Söderlund (peter.soderlund@abo.fi). If you have questions about registration, payments, hotels, travel and excursions you may contact the congress bureau Congrex (nopsa2011@congrex.fi). The workshops chairs answer questions concerning workshop programme, principles and daily activities.

Congress organisation

Academic Convenor

- ▶ Lauri Karvonen

Local Organising Committee

- ▶ Peter Söderlund (chair)
- ▶ Göran Djupsund
- ▶ Tom Carlson
- ▶ Kim Strandberg

Associated Members

- ▶ Maria Backman, Congress Manager for the City of Vaasa
- ▶ Jussi Saari and Barbro Leidenius, Congress Bureau Congrex