



## Jane Addams Conference 2025

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*In the Spirit of Jane Addams: Global Dialogue, Social Change,  
Community Engagement in the 21st Century*

**Practical information**



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# Welcome

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We are pleased to welcome you to Warsaw, to this international conference on the legacy of Jane Addams, the founder of Hull-House and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate:

*In the Spirit of Jane Addams: Global Dialogue, Social Change, Community Engagement in the 21st Century*

The conference is organized by the Faculty of Education at the University of Warsaw (Poland) and the Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement at Rockford University (US).

## Conference Objectives:

Social reformer and peace advocate Jane Addams and her legacy are reflected in the work of current-day practitioners, academics, and policy-makers in a wide range of areas that impact human lives and social institutions. This conference aims to recognize the value of Addams' work and legacy among a variety of internationally important contemporary contexts and to reflect on how Addams inspires in the 21st century.

The timing of the conference recognizes the 165th Anniversary of Jane Addams' birthday in 1860, the 90th Anniversary of her death in 1935, and the 136th Anniversary of the opening of Hull House in Chicago in 1889. All fans and critics of the way Addams tried to make the world a better place to live are encouraged to join us at the conference to network and discuss what Addams' legacy means to us today.

A conference of this sort intersects with current debates on issues such as voting rights, immigration, child welfare, world peace, public health, and gender, racial, and economic inequality, as well as community development, democracy, social progress, and social work.

We welcome proposals from academics and from practitioners examining the work and legacy of Jane Addams in connection to contemporary practices, views and reflections.

Among the various questions that might be addressed are the following:

- How does Jane Addams' influence intersect with current debates or issues globally?
- In what ways does Jane Addams inspire the social sciences and humanism in the 21st century?
- How has Jane Addams contributed to research methodologies?
- How can Addams' ideals be put into practice in our communities and our world of today?

# Keynote Speakers

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At this conference, we are hosting two distinguished keynote speakers.

**Prof. Maurice Hamington** – a Professor of Philosophy and Affiliate Faculty in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Portland State University. He specializes in the theory and application of feminist care ethics. His works on Jane Addams include co-editing, along with Pat Shields and Joseph Soeters, the Oxford Handbook of Jane Addams (2023) and editing Feminist Interpretations of Jane Addams (2010), as well as writing Embodied Care: Jane Addams, Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Feminist Ethics (2004). He contributed the Jane Addams entry in the online Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. His latest book, Revolutionary Care: Commitment and Ethos (Routledge 2024), argues for a care revolution right now and that everyone can participate. He is the co-author of Care Ethics and Poetry (2019) with Ce Rosenow. Hamington has edited or co-edited Feminism and Hospitality: Care Ethics, Religion, and Spiritual Traditions (2022), Care Ethics in the Age of Precarity (2021), Care Ethics and Political Theory (2015), Applying Care Ethics to Business (2011), Socializing Care (2006), and Gender in the Host/Guest Relationship (2010). He has also authored numerous publications on the philosophy of Jane Addams.

**Prof. Danielle Lake** – the Director of Design Thinking and Associate Professor in Human Service Studies at Elon University. Inspired by the work of Jane Addams, her teaching, research, and service explore the potential and the challenges of emergent, relational, place-based design for addressing wicked problems and transforming social systems. As the director of the Center for Design Thinking, she oversees a place-based storytelling and bridge-building initiative informed by Addams's own social justice storytelling initiatives. Her scholarship on Addams includes "Feminist Pragmatist Design: Evolutionary Systems Change" (2023), "Jane Addams, Social Design, and Wicked Problems" (2022), "Situating Democracy and Social Ethics" (2021), "Emergent, Relational Revolution" (2021), and more. She is co-author of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on Feminist pragmatism.

In 2021, she edited a special collection in Hypatia featuring current initiatives informed by the work of Addams. You can learn more about her work at <https://www.elon.edu/u/elon-by-design/>

# General information

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**Emergency calls**  
**Public transport and taxi service**  
**Means of payment and currency**  
**Food and beverages**

More practical information about Warsaw can be found here: [Go to Warsaw](#)

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## Emergency calls

In Poland, the emergency phone number 112 is available free of charge for all emergencies in English and Polish. Furthermore, for more specific problems you can also call:

- Ambulance - tel. 112 / 999
- Fire brigade - tel. 112 / 998
- Police - tel. 112 / 997
- Municipal Guards - tel. 986

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## Public transport and taxi service

Warsaw is well connected via public transport. The following public transport options are available:

- metro
- bus/ nightbus
- tram
- taxi/ Uber/ Bolt

### Public transport

Various types of public transport tickets are available which can be purchased online or at the machine at the stop. For buses, tickets can be purchased and validated on the vehicle. Tickets need to be validated before use. A 3-day ticket can be purchased for 36 zł (approx. 9.90 USD).

More information on public ticket purchase and validation can be found here:

[Ticket tariff – Warszawski Transport Publiczny](#)

A useful application for navigating public transport in the city and purchasing tickets is:

*Jakdojade* (Play store: [Jakdojade: public transport – Apps on Google Play](#) |

App store: [Jakdojade - Timetables on the App Store](#)).

The city center can be reached from the airport via public transport (for more information see here: [Chopin Airport \(WAW\) – Warszawski Transport Publiczny](#))

### Taxi services

Taxis can be ordered via the Uber or Bolt application. They can be downloaded here:

[Uber - Request a ride - Apps on Google Play](#), [Bolt: Request a Ride - Apps on Google Play](#), [Uber - Request a ride on the App Store](#), [Bolt: Request a Ride on the App Store](#)

## Means of payment and currency

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### Cash

The currency in Poland is the Polish Złoty (PLN) 1 PLN = 100 groszy

Coins: 1 PLN, 2 PLN, 5 PLN and 10, 20 and 50 groszy

Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 PLN

### Currency exchange

Usually,

1 PLN  $\approx$  0.24 EUR

1 PLN  $\approx$  0.27 USD

Currency should be exchanged at a registered exchange point.

Złoty can also be withdrawn at ATMs which are widely spread throughout the city. Note that there may be a fee for withdrawing money from a foreign currency.

### Payment method

Besides cash, credit (e.g. Visa/ Mastercard) and debit cards (e.g. Maestro) are widely accepted.

Note that your bank may charge a fee for the exchange when card payments are made.

## Food and Beverages

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Tap water in Warsaw, in general, is safe for consumption.

Warsaw offers a large variety of affordable Polish and international restaurants.

For more information and recommendations, please check here: [Where to eat in Warsaw?](#)

This is where you will discover the flavors of the capital.



## Accommodation

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The Conference Committee does not provide accommodation services.

There are many hotels in the centre of Warsaw. Below you will find some recommendations regarding the accommodation in the Centre  
(various price range)

Motel One Warsaw-Chopin Address: Tamka 38, Śródmieście, 00-349 Warsaw

Tatamka Hostel Address: Tamka 30, Śródmieście, 00-355 Warsaw

Sofitel Warsaw Victoria Address: ul. Królewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw

Moon Hostel Warszawa Address: Foksal 16, 00-372 Warsaw

Jess Hotel & Spa Warsaw Old Town Address: Krakowskie Przedmieście 47/49/51, 00-079 Warsaw

Warsaw Story – LoftAffair Collection Address: 53 Krakowskie Przedmieście, 00-071 Warsaw

Hotel Indigo Warsaw Nowy Świat Address: Smolna 40, 00-375 Warsaw

Hotel Warszawa Address: 9 Plac Powstancow Warszawy, 00-039 Warsaw

Tiffi Old Town Hotel Address: Krakowskie Przedmieście 7, 00-068 Warsaw

Barceló Warsaw Powisle Address: Wybrzeze Kosciuszkowskie 43a, 00-347 Warsaw

Chopin Boutique B&B Address: Smolna 14, 00-375 Warsaw

Hotel Gromada Centrum Address: plac Powstańców Warszawy 2, 00-030 Warszawa

MDM hotel, Address: plac Konstytucji 1, 00-647 Warszawa

IBIS Old Town: Muranowska 2, 00-209 Warszawa

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# Conference information

## Conference venue

The conference will take place at the Faculty of Modern Languages building, which is located at **Dobra 55, 00-312 Warszawa**. Please note that there are two Dobra 55 addresses in Warsaw, so make sure to enter the right postal code when looking for directions. The venue is well accessible by public transportation, bike or car.

Please note that there are two main entrances to the building, one from Dobra Street, the other one from Browarna Street.





## **WIFI and technical equipment**

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In the Faculty of Modern Languages building, you can connect with the Eduroam network using the username and login of your home organization. If your organization does not use Eduroam, you will be able to connect to the internet using the guest password provided on the spot.

For the presentations we provide the technical equipment that you would need (e.g., computer, beamer, presenter). We kindly ask you to make use of our devices and to bring your presentation on a USB flash-drive or save it somewhere in an online cloud that is easily accessible. Our devices are connected to the internet and are suited to play video and audio files.

## **Cloakroom**

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The Cloakroom will be available free of charge throughout the whole event on level -1 of the location. Please note that the cloakroom closes at 19:30.

## **Registration**

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The registration desk will be open on **Thursday 25 September**.

You will receive your conference documents, name tag, and detailed information about the social events there.