

ECSTATIC - Practical information



Venues

All the talks will take place in the **Clore Lecture Theatre**, at level 2 of the Huxley building¹. The lecture theatre is immediately on your right when you access the building from Queen's Gate.

The registration and all breaks and lunches will take place in the **Huxley Common Room**, at level 5 of the Huxley building.

Internet

All the campus is well served by 'eduroam'. If your institution is part of the eduroam network, then you should be able to log in by using your username and password from your institution. The username you should use is `yourusername@yourinstitution.ac.uk` for students in the UK (and the same with the obvious minor adjustment for people from abroad).

Although we highly recommend the use of 'eduroam' when possible, it is possible to log in with Imperial conference guest accounts. You should have received your guest username and password on a small piece of paper within your registration package. If not, please ask the organisers.

The information on the piece of paper you should have received appears in the following fashion:

Your full name	username	password
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You may use the aforementioned guest account to log in with the network '**Imperial-WPA**'.

Restaurants and pubs

South Kensington

We'll highlight everything in South Kensington on the attached map.

The Imperial student union bars and restaurants are a good place for standard pub food (burgers, chips, fish and chips, pizzas [don't tell the Italians!], salads, etc.) and getting drinks — they are a lot cheaper than standard London prices (£3.80 - £4.50

¹Oddly, this is the ground floor.

is London standard for a pint of beer, but you'll get one for about £2.50 at Imperial). We've arranged with the student union that you can use these facilities (provided you are over 18 years of age) if you show your conference badge. Please note the nearest cashpoint is in the Sherfield building (see below), which is about 5 minutes walk from the main student union.

Otherwise there is a good (and cheap) Italian restaurant called Rocca, and a pizza restaurant named Franco Manca (both are approved by our resident Italian).

Elsewhere

London is a large capital city, so you can find almost anything you'd want here. Prices, however, can vary tremendously. Menus all include tax — but usually for a sit-down meal a tip of 10% is standard as well (it is not mandatory like the States, but expected if you've received decent service. Don't be the tight Dutch guy who skips out on the tip!).

Some recommendations for good areas and places for food/drink:

- Wahaca (mexican) — there are a few of these dotted around London and they serve great mexican food. One fun one is in a shipping container on:
- The Southbank (various) — this is a nice area to hang out, next to the Thames. It's quite trendy, has a few restaurants and is a good place to watch the world go by.
- Cookhouse Joe (lebanese) *55 Berwick Street Soho London W1F 8SP* — this is a good place to share food, and it's quite cheap if you do (sharing a half chicken with another person and some sides is maybe £10 each). If you book ahead in a large enough group they might just charge you £15 or so a person and bring out a huge selection of things (it really is too much food).
- Soho (various) — Soho is another trendy area, filled with restaurants, clubs, pubs, record shops, etc. It borders Covent Garden which is probably too expensive for most mortals, but can be fun to wander through.
- Shoreditch (various) — This is quite far from South Kensington, but probably the most trendy area in London: lots of restaurants, coffee bars and men with beards here.
- Sam Smith's pubs (pubs) — This is a series of pubs owned by the same brewer. They try to keep the pubs faithful to original character, and the beer is very reasonably priced for London. Some favourites are:
 - Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese (drinks) *145 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2BU* — which is a very old (1666-ish) pub, and was frequented by many famous writers including Mark Twain, Alfred Tennyson, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, G. K. Chesterton, P. G. Wodehouse and Charles Dickens.
 - Citty of Yorke (drinks) *22 High Holborn, London WC1V 6BN* — another old pub, which has huge wine vats above the bar and was a favourite of Dylan Thomas, the welsh poet.

- Gordon's Wine Bar (wine) *47 Villiers Street, London WC2N 6NE* — this claims to be London's oldest wine bar, and it's an excellent little rat-hole cavern near Embankment, with a nice little cordoned off street full of tables outside should the weather be nice.

Useful things around South Kensington

There is a pharmacy marked on the map, and there's another one in South Kensington tube station. A post office is also not too far from there (also marked on the map).

As for a cashpoint (alternatively 'ATM', 'hole-in-the-wall'), there are about three in Imperial marked on the map, on the ground floor of the Sherfield building.

Amenities of South Kensington

South Kensington is home to some of the best museums in London: the Natural History Museum (it has a cool big whale), the Science Museum (it has an Apollo module and many other amazing machines), and the Victoria and Albert museum (a whole bunch of beautiful things stolen by the British over the years).

ECSTATIC map

This is where you sleep (and hopefully sometimes learn)

-  Maths department
-  Westpoint Hotel

Food

-  H-bar
-  Union Bar
-  FRANCO MANCA
-  Gourmet Burger Kitchen
-  Rocca
-  The Queens Arms

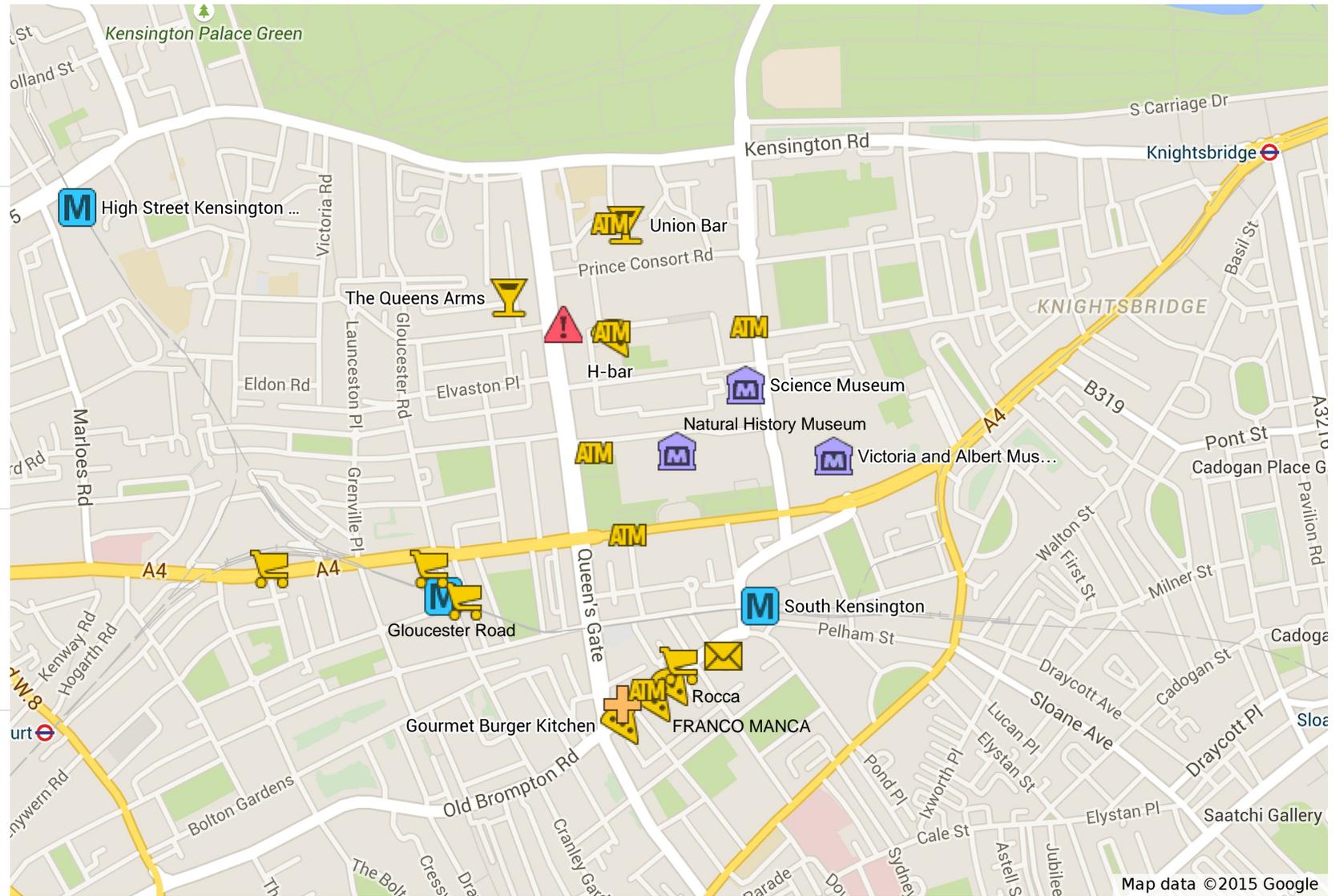
Museums

-  Natural History Museum
-  Science Museum
-  Victoria and Albert Museum

Tube (underground/metro) stations

-  Gloucester Road
-  South Kensington
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High Street Kensington
London Underground Station



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