

2017 SPR Pre-Conference Student Newsletter



This newsletter was created by Anna Finley, Katie Garrison, Lauren Neal, Natalie Ulrich, and Jolie Wormwood of the SPR committee to Promote Student Interests, with a big thank you to Matthias Sperl and the rest of the meeting events subcommittee for compiling a list of things to do in Vienna. The newsletter is sent to current student and general members. Please forward to your own students and any interested colleagues!

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

http://www.sprweb.org/annual_meeting/registration/

Registration Deadline for Early Registration Fee Rate and Events: **September 8, 2017**



Download the SPR Conference App Before you Travel!

Download the SPR mobile app from the iTunes Store or Google Play—search for “2017 SPR Annual Meeting App”. Access the program, abstracts, and more! Plan to download the app before you travel, or be aware of data charges if downloaded on-site.

New to SPR?

If you are a student or a new member and this is your first time at an SPR Annual Meeting, please feel free to approach anyone with a dot on his or her nametag. Those of us with dots are “Meet and Greet” members of the Committee to Promote Student Interests. We are here as a resource for you and are happy to answer questions, chat, introduce you to others, and/or provide more information about SPR, including student opportunities (e.g., student travel awards and the student social). We hope you enjoy the meeting!

Exciting Things to Do and See (and Eat!) in Vienna

Special thanks to Matthias Sperl and Julia McDonald, members of the Committee to Promote Student Interests, for sharing their suggestions for things to do in Vienna!

Vienna is a great city, and there are many reasons to visit this fascinating place! **Our tip:** Get your free copy of the "[Vienna Young & Clever](#)" city map at [Vienna Tourist Info](#), which will not only show you the location of important buildings and monuments, but will also give you information on trendy restaurants, shops, as well as places at which to dance after the conference. In case you missed it the first time, here is a [video](#) of an insider's tour around the city with plenty to see and do on a budget!



Local Attractions. Vienna has many historical sites, including [Hofburg Palace](#) where the conference will be held. Explore historic sites in the city center of Vienna like [St. Stephen's Cathedral](#), and [Mozarthauss Vienna](#), where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart has lived between 1784 and 1787, or the [Musikverein](#) concert hall. Take a tour of the beautiful [Schönbrunn Palace and gardens](#). Don't miss the museums at [MuseumsQuartier](#), the eighth largest cultural area in the world, or the [Sigmund Freud Museum](#) located in his former home and practice. And you should definitely not leave Vienna without having seen [Wurstelprater](#), the big amusement park which was opened to the public in 1766 by Joseph II. Enjoy Vienna "from the top" during a trip with the Vienna [Giant Ferris Wheel](#) (built for the first time in 1897). Check out the top 10 fun things to do in Vienna [here](#)!

Cuisine. If you are looking for affordable food around the conference site, visit the following restaurants and snack bars: [Burg.ring1](#), [Volksgarten Pavillon](#), [Bitzinger Würstelstand](#) (sausage stand at Albertinaplatz, 6 mins from Hofburg), [Augustinerkeller](#), Vapiano (at [Walfischgasse](#) and [Herrengasse](#)), [MQ-kantine](#), [HALLE](#), [MQ-daily](#), [CORBACI](#), and [GlacisBeisl](#).



And, of course, you should try the probably most famous Viennese culinary specialty, the chocolate cake known as [Sachertorte](#) at [Hotel Sacher](#). Make sure you try other local specialties, including Wiener Schnitzel, Apfelstrudel (apple strudel), and the pistachio marzipan treat known as the MozartKugel (Mozart Ball). People who like wine will love the traditional [wine taverns called "Heurige"](#), which are located in the [old Viennese wine villages like Grinzing](#). And coffee lovers should check out the many [coffeehouses](#) in Vienna's old city. For a full list of Vienna's restaurants, see [here](#)!



Nightlife. You want to explore the nightlife of Vienna? We are sure you will have fun at the following clubs: [PRATER DOME](#) (located directly within the world-famous amusement park [Wurstelprater](#)), [Passage](#), [Volksgarten Clubdisco](#), and [Chaya Fuera](#). And you should definitely not miss the [Gürtel ring road](#), which is fast becoming the nerve center of Vienna's nightlife and where you can find exciting music venues in the arches under the elevated subway.



Don't Miss This Year's Invited Speakers!



Angela D. Friederici, PhD

“Brain Structure and Dynamics of Language Processing”

Thursday, October 12 at 1:30-2:30pm

Dr. Friederici is Director of the Department of Neuropsychology at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences and Vice President of the Max Planck Society. She is a prolific researcher in the field of neuropsychology and linguistics. [See more.](#)

Russell A. Poldrack, PhD

“The Future of Cognitive Neuroscience”

Saturday, October 14 at 2:30-3:30pm

Dr. Poldrack is Professor of Psychology at Stanford University and Director of the Stanford Center for Reproducible Neuroscience. His research examines the cognitive neuroscience of processes such as decision making, executive control, learning, and memory. [See more.](#)



Matthew Rushworth, PhD

“The Anterior Cingulate Cortex in Learning and Changing Behavior”

Friday, October 13 at 1:30-2:30pm

Dr. Rushworth is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Oxford. His research examines the brain processes that contribute to decision making, with a specific focus on the cingulate cortex and prefrontal cortex. [See more.](#)

Presidential Address: Cindy Yee Bradbury, PhD

“Overcoming Impaired Cognition in Schizophrenia: New Opportunities for Intervention”

Saturday, October 14 at 11:00am – 12:00pm

Dr. Yee-Bradbury is Professor of Psychology in the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences at the University of California Los Angeles. She has served as this year's president of SPR. Her research examines neurocognitive vulnerability to schizophrenia and emotion and stress in schizophrenia. [See more.](#)



Other Can't Miss Events for Students at SPR 2017!

Women in Science and Education (WISE) Luncheon:

Friday, October 13, 12 noon – 1:30 pm, *RSVP registration required (\$10 fee).*

WISE and the SPR Diversity Committee invite you to attend a lunchtime discussion of the evaluation of merit in psychological science and the implications for women and minorities. Extensive research documents the role that implicit biases play in hiring and promoting processes, as well as peer review and teaching evaluations. We will discuss potential solutions, both at the institutional and individual levels, to help mitigate the impact of these biases. We hope you can join us! The lunch and panel discussion are inclusive and open to all, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or career level. Questions can be directed to Laruen Neal (lbrowningneal@gmail.com). Confirm your attendance by September 8, 2017 by checking the appropriate box when registering for the convention (registration for this event is on a first-come, first-served basis).

JOIN US! Committee to Promote Student Interests:

Friday, October 13, Time/Location TBD

Are you a student or early career member of SPR? Are you interested in meeting other students and faculty passionate about SPR and psychophysiology? Do you have ideas on how to improve student experiences in SPR? Do you want to make an impact planning student events at SPR 2018 in Quebec City? If you said yes to any of these questions, you are invited to join the Committee to Promote Student Interests to share your ideas and help make SPR an even better society! Please contact the CPSI chair, Sarah Sass (ssass@uttyler.edu), with any questions.

Student Social:

Friday, October 13, 10 pm, BEFANA Club Stadl

Come meet other students and have a great time at the annual Student Social, just half a mile from the conference center at [BEFANA Club Stadl](#). Be sure to bring your SPR badge to make sure you can get in. The first 100 students will receive free drink tickets, and there will be free appetizers available! We look forward to seeing you there! [For directions, see map on next page!](#)

General Business Meeting and Luncheon:

Saturday, October 14, 12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m., Zeremoniensaal, *RSVP registration required*

Join the SPR Board of Directors and fellow SPR attendees at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. If you have not already registered for the luncheon with your conference registration, contact the SPR Registrar via email at spr@sprweb.org. Students receive complimentary tickets to the Luncheon if registered by September 8, otherwise tickets are \$10/person. Confirm your attendance by Friday, September 8.

Saturday Night Social:

Saturday, October 14, 9 pm-midnight, Festsaal.

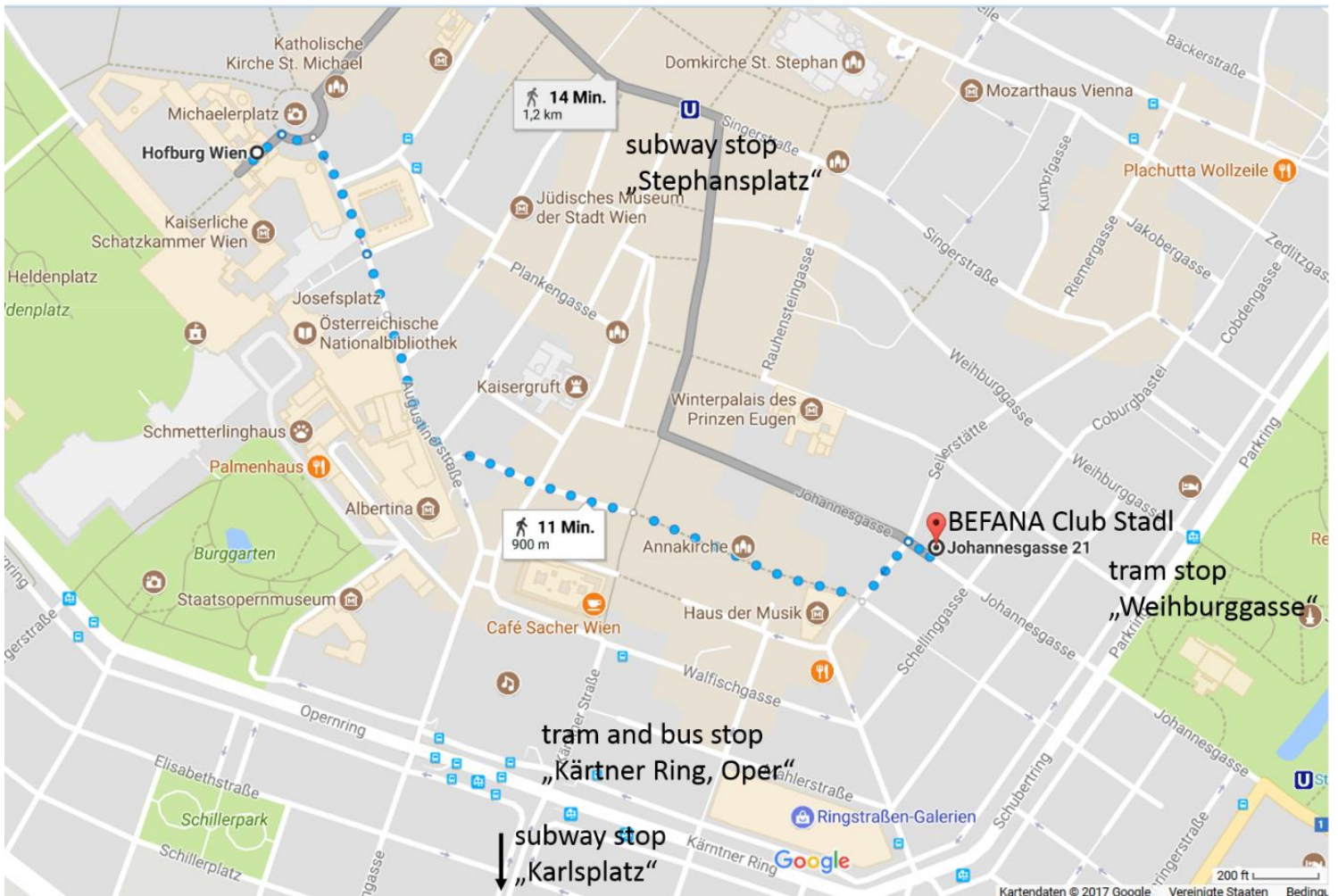
Celebrate the end of the 57th Annual Meeting of SPR at the Saturday Night Social. A great time to unwind and mingle. Don't miss the performance of the SPR Blues Band! We hope to see you there!

Getting to the Student Social

The student social will take place at **BEFANA Club Stadl (Johannesgasse 21)**.

Walking from the Conference:

The walking distance from the conference location is approx. 0.56 miles.



1. From Hofburg enter Reitschulgasse (approx. south)
2. Follow Reitschulgasse and Augustinerstraße and then turn east into Führichgasse
3. Follow Führichgasse and Annagasse and then turn northeast into Seilerstätte
4. Turn southeast at the next corner, you're at Johannesgasse and the BEFANA Club Stadl is just a few meters away

Via Public Transport:

There are several public transport stops nearby BEFANA Club Stadl:

- "Kärtner Ring, Oper" (tram, e.g. lines 1 and 2, and bus, lines 2A and 59A)
- "Weihburggasse" (tram, line 2)
- "Karlsplatz" (subway, lines U1, U2 and U4)
- "Stephansplatz" (subway, lines U1 and U3).

Getting Around in Vienna

Vienna offers a range of public transport options (subway, tram, busses, trains), making it easy to get around the city, as well as to and from the airport.

Airport Transportation

For the different options of traveling between the airport and the city, see this website:

<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/to-and-around/airport-to-center>.

Depending on which vehicle you choose, the cost for a one-way ticket varies from about €4.00 - €11.00.

The Wiener Linien (Operator of Public Transport in Vienna)

Trip planners:

<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en?>

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeld/66533/channelld/-48703>

Please note that they sometimes can't handle the search term "Vienna", even when using the English version, so be prepared to use "Wien" instead, should your first search not yield any results.

Maps and timetables:

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeld/66533/channelld/-2000644>

Buying public transportation tickets:

The Wiener Linien offers various options, depending on how long you are staying and how often you plan on using public transport. For more information, see:

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeld/66533/channelld/-47643>.

If you use public transport to get to and from the conference site everyday (2 rides per day) the best option will be buying two single tickets for € 2.20, each, per day. You can buy those tickets at ticket machines, in the vehicles (from the bus driver or ticket machines in the tram) or online, for example.

The Wiener Linien also offers an app called **WienMobil App**

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeld/66533/channelld/-3600061>

The app, allows you to (among other things) buy tickets online and display them on your phone.



Have an exciting opportunity for our student members or a fun student event planned for the 58th annual SPR conference in 2018? We'd love to highlight it in our next newsletter! Contact Jolie Wormwood at: jbwormwood@gmail.com