



# AIST 2024

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an unofficial guide

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a famously rare black stork from the stamp series 'Flora and Fauna of Kyrgyzstan'



«aucm» (aist) is a Russian word for stork

Conference Venue

# Location of the Venue

факультет экономики,  
гуманитарный  
факультет, факультет  
коммуникации

Bishkek, Djal,  
Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University,  
Chyngyz Aitmatov Campus  
Faculty of Economics, 2nd floor

Note: KTMU has multiple buildings, the one where the conference will be held is located in Djal microdistrict, NOT at Aitmatova 56 (as some maps show)

2GIS

Google.Maps

Библиотека

Yandex.Maps

ветеринарный

библиотека

Conference Venue  
entrance

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# Location of the Venue

The cabs are allowed to enter the campus, however, a short walk to the venue is still inevitable

Abdülkerim Satuk  
Buğra Han Mosque

to Tynaliyev Street

to Ch. Aitmatov Ave

Rectorate

Economy Faculty



# How to Get to the City Center



The easiest way to get to the city center is to call a taxi, e. g. Yandex.Taxi is a popular Uber/Lyft-like service

In case one prefers to catch a cab right at the airport, KTMU website's FAQ section recommends '[Manas Taxi and Express Taxi, as they are the safest and most reliable](#)'



Bus. How to get from your location can be found in the [2gis application](#)



Bus/Marshrutka (minibus). How to get from your location can be found in the [2gis application](#)

# Conference Halls

Photos and instructions for the conference halls/rooms will be made available closer to the conference start date in the Telegram chat

In case of any trouble entering the campus or the University, please let the organizers know via a Telegram chat

Please note that there won't be many options with regard to anyone's preferences: KTMU's policy is that the very same lunch is served to students and teachers alike at KTMU.

# Suggestions for Accommodation in Bishkek



\* discounts are available through the organizers

Hotel Bridges Bishkek*	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 709 80 88 80
SK Hotel	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 770 03 18 66
Отель Амбассадор	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 312 97 98 98
Orient Hotel Bishkek	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 706 14 01 60
Plaza Hotel Bishkek	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 770 05 04 30
Five Hotel	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 995 24 42 44
Ramada By Wyndham	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 552 55 28 03
City Stay Bishkek	<a href="#">booking</a>	<a href="#">maps</a>	+996 701 97 99 98



# Kyrgyzstan: What You Might Need to Know (if You Don't)

Currency	Kyrgyz som	100 KGS $\approx$ 1.2 USD $\approx$ 113 RUR 1 USD $\approx$ 84.70 KGS $\approx$ 95.62 RUR (the up-to-date rates: <a href="https://valuta.kg/">https://valuta.kg/</a> )
Russian payment cards	We advise to have some cash on you	MIR cards still work in some places; Russian VISA/MasterCard do not
Weather	+9...+15 C are expected ( <a href="#">meteum</a> )	We advise to consult the forecast and dress accordingly
Alcohol	No special restrictions	
Smoking	Forbidden in public transport and indoor public places	
How to say 'hello', 'sorry', 'thanks'	Knowing these phrases in Kyrgyz is a great idea; also note that most people in Bishkek speak Russian as well	Hello = Салам, Саламатсызбы = Salam, Salamatsyzby Thanks = Рахмат = Rakhmat Sorry = Кечиресиз = Kechiresyz

# Apps for Your Convenience

- Cabs: Yandex.Taxi, etc.
- Food delivery: Namba Food/Glovo, etc.
- Maps: 2GIS  
(Google/Yandex.Maps content is often outdated)

# Must-Visit Sights in Bishkek

<https://www.bucketlistly.blog/posts/10-things-to-do-bishkek-kyrgyzstan>

# Local Cuisine

In Bishkek, one can find places which can offer the gems of Dungan, Uyghur, Koryo-saram cuisine, and — of course — Kyrgyz cuisine

Usually can be found on Map: [2GIS](#)

The best cafes in Bishkek: [TripAdvisor](#)

The best restaurants in Bishkek: [TripAdvisor](#)



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Conference fee?

None. The participation is free.

- Restaurants near the conference venue?

Yes, 10 mins by walk: Doyum kebab, City, Lotus, Hunkar baklava

- How do I choose the Currency Exchange places?

Which of them typically offer reasonable rates?

We recommend exchanging money in banks

- The best souvenirs from Kyrgyzstan? Where to buy?

Souvenirs can be bought in: [TSUM](#), [Tumar stores](#), etc.

We Hope You Enjoy  
Your Time in Bishkek!



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