

SSCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

POWER AND THE LIMITS OF POWER

4-6th September 2015, Westcott House, University of Cambridge

Dear SSCE colleagues,

We're looking forward to a tremendous SSCE conference in Cambridge later this summer. This information pack will hopefully contain what you need to know before your arrival.

Programme and Speakers

A draft of the programme for the weekend is attached. If you are giving a paper at the conference, would you please take a particular look at this programme? In addition to noting the time you are scheduled to speak, please check your details. If any mistakes are noticed, please let us know right away. We will make corrections for the final programme which everyone will receive upon arrival.

Registration

Note that registration is between 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Friday, 4th September. Please note – about half of our delegates will have their accommodation at Sidney Sussex College (about a 5 minute walk from Westcott house). You are welcome to go there first to check in and drop off luggage before coming to Westcott to register for the conference. You should receive an email to confirm where your accommodation will be, but if you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us to confirm the details. Please try to arrive within that time frame, and people will be available to escort you to your room. If you are arriving at Westcott House **outside** of that time frame (a day earlier, for example, or that morning), please could you email Jeremy Kidwell, the SSCE Secretary (secretary@ssce.org.uk) to **let us know** your arrival time?

LATE ARRIVALS NOTE:

Westcott House reception is open from Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The gates to Westcott House close between 9 pm and 10 pm each night, and there is no late-night Porter on duty. **If you plan on arriving after 10 pm on Thursday or Friday evening, please make other accommodation arrangements for that night.** (A list of area B&B's is available.) If you show up after that time, you will find the main gate to be locked, and there will be no one around to let you in.

If you have not yet paid your registration fees, please send payment via bank transfer or paypal (details can be found on our website: <http://www.ssce.org.uk/domestic-payments>). You may also pay by cheque when you check in. **We will not have facilities to take credit cards at the conference.**

What to Bring

Towels and bed linens are provided, but not toiletries (e.g. soap, shampoo, etc). Bathrooms are in close proximity of each room. Please remember that Westcott House is a residential theological college, and that a number of ordinands and their families will be in residence. Some SSCE guests will have rooms in our neighbouring college, Sidney Sussex. The Westcott community is

looking forward to welcoming everyone, and volunteers will be on hand to offer any help needed.

Dining

All meals are provided, beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Please, if you haven't already indicated on your booking form, be sure to let us know if you are **vegetarian**, have any **food allergies**, or have any other particular **dietary requirement**. Westcott is happy to accommodate such requests, but needs adequate information ahead of time.

NOTE: in case you haven't already indicated this as part of your registration, please email your **dietary requirements** to Jeremy Kidwell, Secretary, at secretary@ssce.org.uk.

Accessibility

Accessible rooms are available; if you have limited mobility or disabilities, please let us know via email to Jeremy Kidwell, Secretary, at secretary@ssce.org.uk.

Computers and Internet

Westcott House has a Wi-Fi system in various areas of its buildings and you will receive information about internet access in your delegate pack when you check in at Westcott. If you need to print or make copies while at Westcott, this is available for a small charge, although it will help us to know as much as possible in advance. Please note: Printing facilities will only be available at Westcott House on Friday.

Travel and Parking

Westcott House is in Cambridge city centre and, like most Cambridge colleges, has limited parking for which there is a £5 per day charge. The best travel options are as follows:

Train

Cambridge is very accessible by train, and Westcott is a brief taxi ride from the Cambridge train station. The address to give your taxi driver is: Westcott House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8BP. Should you need to ring Westcott, the number is +44 (0)1223-741000.

Coach

Westcott House is a five-minute walk from the city centre bus station, Cambridge Drummer Street. The National Express Coach Airport Service terminates and starts at Parkside – a continuation of Parker Street (see map below) and at the top end of Parker's Piece.

Car

If it is simply unavoidable for you to drive, there is parking available at a car park just down the street from Westcott House, on Park Street (CB5 8AS for Sat Nav). This is also indicated on the map below. Parking for the weekend, from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, will cost approximately £45.

Getting to Cambridge from Airports

If you are flying into **Heathrow**, the fastest option is by **train**: take the Heathrow Express, which leaves every 15 minutes to Paddington Station in London (www.heathrowexpress.com), and from Paddington the Underground (www.tfl.gov.uk/tube) to King's Cross Station. (Alternatively, you can take the Underground from Heathrow to King's Cross Station.) From King's Cross you

can take a train directly to Cambridge, and these trains leave every 30 minutes or so during peak hours. The entire journey will take approximately two hours. To view train times and fares, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

A slower but cheaper option is to take a **coach** from the Heathrow central bus station directly to Cambridge. Although this is a slower option (about a three hour journey in total), you don't have to change buses anywhere, and is therefore sometimes to be preferred to attempting to change trains while carrying luggage. You can usually book a bus ticket at the counter of National Express in the Heathrow central bus station (follow the signs from your terminal). To view bus times and fares, visit www.nationalexpress.com.

If you are flying into **Gatwick**, you can go by **train** taking the Thames Link from Gatwick to King's Cross, and then change trains at King's Cross onto the Cambridge train. This will be about a two-hour journey. As with Heathrow, however, you can also take the slower, cheaper but direct option by **coach** with National Express (as above), and this will take about three hours.

If you are flying into **Stansted**, there is a quick and easy **train** (30 minute journey, trains leave on the hour), directly to Cambridge, with National Rail. There is also **coach** service (50 minute trip, on the hour) with National Express. Again, go to their websites noted above for more information on times and fares.



NOTE: in the map to the left, number 68 is Westcott House. Just below it, in black, is the **Bus Station**, a quick walk away. Almost directly to the left of number 58, Wesley House, you will see a 'P' in a box—this is where the **Park Street car park** is located.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch. We look forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes,

Jeremy Kidwell
SSCE Secretary (secretary@ssce.org.uk)