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# Hello!

We look forward to meeting you at the IAOS-ISI 2024 Mexico Conference hosted by the country's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI).

Please find below a brief overview of the agenda and key points to consider.

## I. The IAOS- ISI 2024 Mexico Conference



Archeological site of Teotihuacan

### a. Logo

The conference logo design is based on one of the most important Mesoamerican deities: *Quetzalcóatl*. Pronounced Quet-zal-co-at or 'Feathered Serpent', the deity is depicted as a mix of bird and rattlesnake. His name is a combination of the Nahuatl words *quetzal* (emerald plumed bird) and *coatl* (serpent), mixing earth and heavenly symbols which also are present in Mayan culture as the god Kukulcan.

There are multiple representations of *Quetzalcóatl* along Mesoamerican cultures. For example, in the Temple of the Feathered Snake, in the archaeological site of Teotihuacan –48 km northeast of Mexico City–, there is a serpentine body and a snake head sprouting from a circle of petals or feathers. Next to it there's another figure represented in the form of a mask. Some suggest that these images referred to the alternation between rainy and dry seasons, attributing the sculptural ensemble as a symbolism related to the celebration of vegetal renewal.

All multiple references to *Quetzalcóatl* are beautiful and vary from one culture to another. Here, we allude to the Mixtec legend where *Quetzalcóatl* ascended to heaven to be tasked with returning to earth and teach people how to live in a civilized and organized manner. Thus, he was considered to be the divine being who taught humans about arts and sciences, quite like the legend of Prometheus.

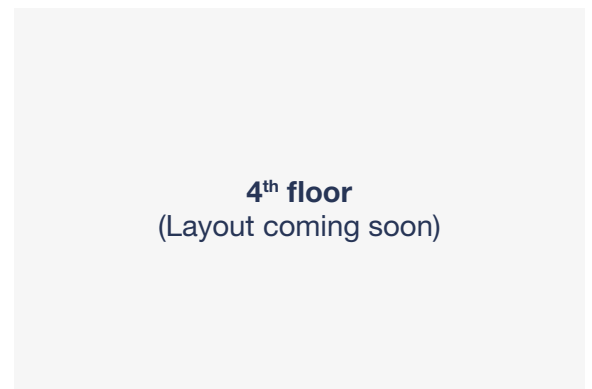
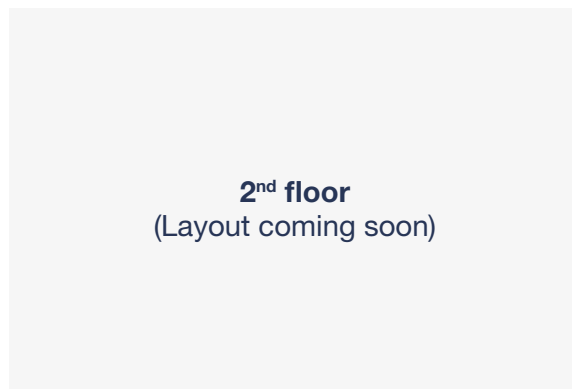


## b. Venue

The conference will take place from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. It is to be held at The Hilton Reforma Conference Center, located in the heart of Mexico City, by Alameda Central Park and just 650 meters from the Palace of Fine Arts (*Palacio de Bellas Artes*). You can find the entrance on Av. Juárez 70.



There will be a Plenary Room and seven Parallel Session rooms:



The Conference program will be announced by December 2023.



## c. Timetable



Satellite events



Social agenda

<b>Tuesday</b> 14-May-2024	<b>10:00-17:00</b> IAOS Special Meeting co-organized with Banxico, the Central bank of Mexico (closed doors). TBC.
	10:00-17:00 Training workshops
<b>Wednesday</b> 15-May-2024	8:00-18:00 Registration and information desk
	<b>9:00-10:00</b> Opening ceremony
	<b>10:00-11:00</b> Keynote speaker - Opening address
	11:00-11:30 <i>Coffee break</i>
	11:30-13:00 Parallel sessions 1-7
	13:00-14:00 Lunch
	14:00-15:30 Parallel sessions 8-14
	15:30-16:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
	16:00-17:30 Parallel sessions 15-21
<b>18:00-20:00</b> Welcome reception	
<b>Thursday</b> 16-May-2024	8:00-18:00 Registration and information desk
	<b>9:00-10:00</b> Keynote speaker
	10:00-10:30 <i>IAOS Young Statisticians Prize</i>
	10:30-11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
	11:00-13:00 Parallel sessions 22-28
	13:00-14:00 Lunch
	14:00-15:30 Parallel sessions 29-35
	15:30-16:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:30 Parallel sessions 36-42	
<b>Friday</b> 17-May-2024	9:00-16:00 Information desk
	<b>9:00-10:30</b> Keynote panel
	10:30-11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
	11:00-13:00 Parallel sessions 43-49
	13:00-14:00 Lunch
	<b>14:00-15:00</b> Closing ceremony



#### **d. Training workshops**

There will be two short workshops. Further information on contents and the registration process will be outlined shortly.

#### **e. Registration and information desk**

Registration for the conference will open on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and continue on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of May. An access badge to all conference buildings will be provided at this point. This badge must be worn and visible at all times. There will also be an information desk available throughout the conference.

#### **f. Lunch options**

A buffet lunch will be served in Room Don Diego (TBC) for all participants, everyday of the conference, free of charge. If you are staying at the Hilton Reforma Mexico City hotel, breakfast is included in the room rate. In addition, there are several coffee shops and restaurants to eat outside of the venue.

#### **g. Social agenda**

INEGI cordially invites all participants for a **welcome reception** on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the terrace of the venue of the conference, on the sixth floor from 18:00 to 20:00 hours.

There will also be an **official dinner**, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 20:00 to 22:00 hours. Transportation will be provided from the venue and back.



## II. Requirements for travel

### a. Visa & entry

Visitors to Mexico are required to present the following documentation upon arrival:

#### i) Passport

A valid passport with a six months validity at least. Transit countries and airlines may have additional requirements.

#### ii) Visa requirements and exemptions

Foreigners who present any of the following documents will not require a Mexican visa:

- Permanent residence in Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Northern Ireland, any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area, as well as in the member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, and Peru).
- Visa for Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Northern Ireland or any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area.

You can find the list of countries that Mexico requires their nationals to apply for a visa [HERE](#)

#### iii) Multiple Migratory Form (FMM)

Visitors requesting entry to Mexico need a Multiple Migratory Form (FMM). The FMM can be obtained from the airline or at the port of entry, but to expedite your registration at the border, you can fill out and print it in advance [AT THIS LINK](#)

#### Other documents

Be aware that immigration officers at the port of entry may request certain documents to prove the purpose of your visit.

### b. Mexican embassies around the world

In case you have any questions about traveling to Mexico, please consult this [LIST OF MEXICAN EMBASSIES AROUND THE WORLD](#) where you can find contact information for each of them. Please mind that, at the top of every page, you're able to switch between English/Spanish languages.



# III. Welcome to Mexico City

## a. About



Flag of México

The foundation of Mexico City can be traced back to 1325 under the name of Tenochtitlan, the capital city of the Aztec empire. Legend has it that the God Huitzilopochtli ordered the Aztecs to build the city on the same place where they found an eagle perched on a cactus while devouring a snake. Upon seeing such a scene on what was then a lake, the Aztecs founded the city in the Valley of Mexico. The legend is famously depicted in the country's flag.

Located on what was then an island in Lake Texcoco, Tenochtitlan was the largest city in the western hemisphere and, as historians have stated, one of the three largest cities on Earth. When the Spanish conqueror Hernan Cortes first saw Tenochtitlan in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century, the city reminded him of Venice, given its glistening causeway network.

Today, Mexico City is among the largest metropolises in the American continent, and it serves as a financial and cultural influence focus point in the region. The city's center is 2230 meters above sea level. If you live closer to sea level, you may run out of breath due to the altitude during an adjustment period.

## b. Getting here

If you cannot find a direct flight to Mexico City from your hometown, you could find a connecting flight to Mexico City from the Cancun International Airport-CUN (located in the northeast coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo).

## c. Airport-hotel transfer

The Benito Juarez International Airport in Mexico City has two terminals (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2). The image in [THIS LINK](#) gives you an idea of where each airline works from.

It is highly recommended to take an official airport taxi to take you to your hotel. Taxis require upfront payment at the stands inside the airport (there are several high-quality, reliable companies), and the price is set by zoning depending on your destination (approx. \$18 USD from the airport to the conference venue). You can find a list of official airport taxis [HERE](#)

**Uber, Cabify or Didi** are also popular options to use, although it can be difficult to find your driver when trying to leaving the airport as there is a lot of traffic.



Public Transport Card






In terms of public transportation, **the Metrobus line 4** goes from the airport to the Historical Downtown at a \$0.35 USD (\$6 MXN) fare per ride. Passengers must buy a public transport card which costs \$0.87 USD (\$15 MXN), and it is sold at the machines located at the airport station.

We recommend using the cellphone app **MOOVIT** in case you need help identifying the proper routes for moving through the city by public transport

## d. Lodging

There's a block booking made for this event at the **Hilton Reforma Mexico City hotel**. By entering the code (coming soon) at the **HOTEL'S WEBSITE** you'll get a discount on your reservation.

If you wish to stay somewhere else, there are several other hotels close to the venue that you can choose from. Here are three options:

Name & address	Regular rates
<b>City Express Ciudad de México Alameda</b>  Revillagigedo 23, Colonia Centro, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06090.	<b>\$1,787 MXN → \$104 USD per night</b> (Single room, 1 king size bed)
<b>Fiesta Inn Centro Histórico</b>  Av. Juárez 76, Colonia Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06010.	<b>\$1,543 MXN → \$90 USD per night</b> (Executive room, 1 king size bed)
<b>Ibis México Alameda</b>  Balderas 49, Colonia Centro, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06050.	<b>\$1,500 MXN → \$87 USD per night</b> (Standard room, 1 queen size bed)

## e. Voltage

In Mexico the common voltage is 120 V. The frequency is 60 Hz. The plugs and sockets are of type A / B. The need for an adapter or converter depends on the voltage, frequency, and plugs in the country where you live. So, we recommend bringing a converter with you.



## f. Dressing code and weather

Weather-wise, temperatures in May range from 32°C during mid-day highs to 12°C at night.

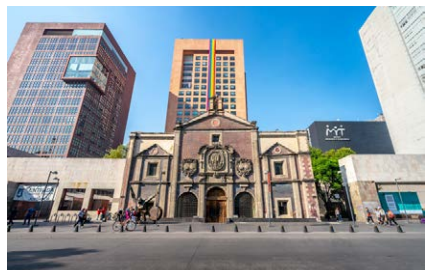
The dress code during the event will be business casual.



Alameda Central Park



Benito Juárez's Hemicycle



Former Church of Corpus Christi

## g. Sightseeing

Amazing architecture, beautiful parks, colorful neighborhoods and lots of museums, Mexico City has something to excite your interest anywhere your head turns to.

Right by the conference venue you can find Mexico City's oldest urban park: the **Alameda Central**, inaugurated in 1592. It is a green garden with paved paths, decorative fountains, and statues. It used to be an Aztec marketplace and is frequently used for civic events. From here you can see **Benito Juárez's Hemicycle**, a Neoclassical monument commemorating the Mexican statesman Benito Juárez. The monument is flanked by marble Doric columns, and shows Benito Juárez sat with two allegorical female statues, representing the fatherland and law, beside him.

Across from Juárez's hemicycle, there is the **Corpus Christi Church** built between 1720- 1724. Originally a Catholic Temple, it now holds a collection of 27 thousand historical documents dating from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. This was the first convent exclusively for indigenous women and, sadly isn't open to the public.

Furthermore, a few steps away from the conference's venue you'll see the Palace of Fine Arts (*Palacio de Bellas Artes*) which includes a large theatre, a concert hall, the National Museum of Architecture, and the Museum of the Palace of Fine Arts. In this area there's also the **Postal Palace**, a beautiful structure from the early twentieth century, with a palatial appearance and a naval museum.

A few blocks down the street, you'll find yourself in the city's historic downtown. This area comprises the Constitution Plaza (known as El Zócalo); the **Metropolitan Cathedral**; the **National Palace**; and the **archaeological site of the Main Temple** (Templo Mayor).

In this neighborhood there's also the Gran Hotel Ciudad de México, with its Tiffany glass ceiling (c.1908), designed by French artist Jacques Grüber, consisting of 20,000 separate pieces of glass. This Art Nouveau spectacle is among the finest glasswork anywhere in the world.



Palace of Fine Arts



Postal Palace



Metropolitan Cathedral



Modern Art Museum



Diego Rivera's "Dream of a Sunday afternoon in the Central Alameda"

Mexico City has a myriad set of renowned museums, such as the Modern Art Museum (*Museo de Arte Moderno*) and the National Anthropology and History Museum (*Museo Nacional de Antropología e Historia*), which house some of the country's finest collections of their respective trades. Close to the conference venue, you'll find the **Museum of Memory and Tolerance** (*Museo Memoria y Tolerancia*), dedicated to disseminating the importance of non-violence and human rights by raising awareness about the brutality of genocide and other crimes throughout history. Across the street, you'll also find the **Diego Rivera Mural Museum** (*Museo Mural Diego Rivera*) where you can enjoy one of his most famous murals "Dream of a Sunday afternoon in the Central Alameda" (*Sueño de una tarde dominical en la Alameda Central*).

The city offers options for every budget, from gourmet food to street-cart delicacies, high-end hotels, and quaint hostels deep downtown.

For more information, please visit the **OFFICIAL VISITOR'S GUIDE**

## h. Travelling nearby

There are several interesting places to visit nearby Mexico City, for example, the **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF TEOTIHUACAN** located in the State of Mexico, approximately 40 km northeast of Mexico City. Here you can visit monumental buildings such as *La Ciudadela*, and the *Temple of the Feathered Serpent*, the *Avenue of the Dead*, the Pyramids of the Sun, and the Moon, among others. Additionally, the archaeological site has two specialized museums: one about Teotihuacan culture and the Museum of Teotihuacan Murals "Beatriz de la Fuente".

There is also the **STATE OF PUEBLA** located 130 km southeast of Mexico City. The capital of this state is an UNESCO World Heritage site and there are seven Magical Towns (recommended for tourists). Throughout Puebla you can see natural beauty, historic monuments and landmarks, pre-Hispanic and colonial sites, as well as rich, beautiful artisanal textiles and some of the country's most appreciated cuisines.

If you wish to visit any of these sites, you must plan your trip in advance as it might take you a whole day to travel there and back. We recommend that you ask your hotel's front desk for detailed touristic information.



## Contact

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