Forum on Capital as Power
~The Capitalist Mode of Power: Past, Present, Future~
Visitor Information

Welcome to Toronto...

1) Conference Location
The 2011 Forum on Capital as Power will be held from October 20-21, 2011. The conference will be located in the Senate Chamber on the 9th floor of Ross Building (room N940), on the Keele Campus of York University in Toronto, Ontario.

For links to a map of the campus in both flash and PDF format, see the following URL:
http://www.yorku.ca/web/futurestudents/map/keele_map.html

Ross Building is labelled building 28 on the map. If driving onto campus please also note the location of the visitor parking lots and garages. Be advised that guests are required to pay a daily parking fee and that recent construction around the university might interfere with traffic.

2) Where to Stay
For any follow-up questions please contact us at capitalaspower2011@gmail.com. If you have arranged for accommodations not included in the list below and would like some advice regarding the feasibility of your location (e.g., how long it would take to commute to campus), again, please feel free to contact us. Here are some general sites to search:
http://www.torontobandb.com/
http://www.toronto.com/hotels

You may also consider for alternative accommodations:
http://www.couchsurfing.org/

A) On campus
York University is situated outside of the downtown core. Commuting from downtown can generally take an hour. There are, however, limited options when it comes to accommodations near the university. There is a hotel on campus attached to the Schulich School of Business, however, they have a limited number of rooms and the cost per night can be quite high. The URL is: http://www.schulich.yorku.ca/SSB-Extra/elc.nsf/docs/Guests

York also offers short term apartment-style accommodations with private and self-contained washrooms, bedrooms, and kitchens. The per-night prices for these units are as follows: $99.50 (all prices throughout the document in Canadian dollars) for a bachelor apartment; $105.45 for a one-bedroom apartment; and $111.00 for a two-bedroom apartment. Those interested in renting one of these units should e-mail suites@yorku.ca to inquire about availability.
B) Near Campus
There are a few more options near campus, although none are within a short walking distance of the university, and the surrounding neighbourhoods have few amenities (restaurants, etc.). A full list can be found here:
http://www.expedia.ca/YorkUniversity-Hotels.0-1503150-0.Travel-Guide-Filter-Hotels

Rooms on this list can be found for between $70.00 per-night to $133.00 per-night.

C) Downtown/The Annex
Although the commute to campus can be an hour, in many ways staying downtown is a much more attractive option. For those on a budget, Toronto contains many reasonably priced hostels, which can be found here:
http://www.hostels.com/ca.on.to.html

Due to location, our specific recommendations from this list are:

Global Village Backpackers
As low as $26.34/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/Global-Village-Backpackers/851

Clarence Castle
As low as $30.00/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/Clarence-Castle/15238

Canadiana Backpackers Inn
As low as $31.00/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/Canadiana-Backpackers-Inn/863

Backpackers on Dundas
As low as $23.00/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/Backpackers-on-Dundas/14885

College Hostel
As low as $31.71/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/College-Hostel/1834

Chinatown Travelers Home
As low as $26.87/night
http://www.hostels.com/maps/Chinatown-Travelers-Home/31377
The Annex
The neighbourhood which we would recommend in particular is the Annex, as it is not only one of Toronto’s most loved neighbourhoods, featuring many attractive amenities (restaurants, cafes, bookstores, bars, great breakfasts, etc.), but also, out of all of the downtown neighbourhoods, it is one of the most accessible from York.

Commute time from Spadina subway station is generally 45 minutes (for a transit map see below). Also, if anyone wishes to go out in the evening after the conference, there is a good chance it will be in this neighbourhood. There is a map below showing the locations of the following recommendations.

A - Annex Guest house
As low as $95/night
83 Spadina Rd
416-922-1934
http://www.annexquesthouse.com/

B - Admiral St. George Bed and Breakfast
As low as $65/night
305 St. George St.
416-921-1899
http://www.saintgeorgebb.com/

C - Madison Manor Boutique and Hotel
As low as $99/night
20 Madison Ave
416-922-5579
http://www.madisonavenuepub.com/madisonmanor/index.html

D - Annex Garden Bed and Breakfast
As low as $115/night
Bathurst and Harbord
Canada and continental US: 1 (877) 922-6522 (toll free)
Worldwide: 1 (705) 738-9449
http://www.torontobandb.com/annexgarden.htm

E - Havinn Bed and Breakfast
As low as $59/night
118 Spadina Rd
416-922-5220
F – The Annex House
As low as $90/night
147 Madison Ave
416-920-3922
http://www.nileguide.com/destination/toronto/hotels/annex-house--the-/40438

G – Holiday Inn Midtown
As low as $110/night
280 Bloor St West
1-416-968-0010
http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/yyzbs

Map of suggested locations in the Annex:

Each of the blue ‘M’s is a subway station (see transit map below). For information on how to get to York by subway please see below. This map can be viewed online at the following URL:
http://maps.google.ca/maps/ms?client=firefox-a&channel=s&hl=en&source=hp&ie=UTF8&fb=1&split=1&gl=ca&ei=D_Ke5rf1F6ig8QaOm4ipA
w&msa=0&msid=100295334637499967936.0004729fe356b7a0a2afdf&z=15
3) Getting around

Map of the Toronto Subway System and Other Transit Information (TTC)
http://www3.ttc.ca/

Getting from the airport (public transit):
If taking public transit from the airport, take bus no. 192 (The airport Rocket). This bus stops at every terminal and there will be directions on how to get to the bus stop at the airport.

This bus will take you to KIPLING station (the furthest point to the left on the map below). The subway from here then goes downtown. Depending on traffic the commute is around one hour to get downtown.
If proceeding from downtown straight to York, transfer to the North-bound subway line at either the SPADINA or ST. GEORGE station (see below for further details).

Travellers can also take bus no. 58a, which will take them to the LAWRENCE WEST subway station. From here they can take the subway either North (towards York) or South (towards downtown).

Total travel time from the airport to York University is about 90 minutes by public transit.

REMEMBER: when taking public transit in Toronto always make sure to have a transfer slip. These can be acquired from the vehicle driver (if taking the bus or streetcar) or an automated machine (if taking the subway).

Getting to York University (public transit):
York in situated on the Northern edge of the city and the subway does not go directly to campus. From downtown, take the subway to DOWNSVIEW station, the tip of the left-hand branch of the yellow line on the map below (also available here: http://www3.ttc.ca/Subway/interactivemap.jsp).

From DOWNSVIEW take bus 196A (The York express) to campus. Exit the bus at the last stop on the route, the York University Commons. Note that the bus will drop you off directly in front of the building in which the conference is located (York Lanes).

The total commute time from downtown is usually around an hour, depending on traffic.
**Taxi Service**
Taxi service from the airport to either downtown Toronto of York University will be readily available at all terminals of the airport. Rides will cost approximately $35-$40.

**Driving**
For those driving from the airport to York University, please see the following link for a map and directions (disregard the label ‘Marcuse Conference’):

http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?
je=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=116909445992298270526.000472a3a7b8870310388&ll=43.788198,-79.557495&spn=0.119462,0.220757&z=12

For questions or clarifications please feel free to contact us at capitalaspower2011@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!