



# Practical Information for Participants

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## International Investment Agreements: Balancing Sustainable Development and Investment Protection Berlin, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

(NB: New venue in response to great demand)

**Conference Venue: Henry Ford Building**, Lecture Hall B  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Garystraße 35  
14195 Berlin  
**Recommended Entrance via Boltzmannstraße**  
→ Link to Google Maps: <http://goo.gl/maps/5qJfJ>

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**Informal drinks:** ELLINGTON HOTEL Berlin  
(Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm) Duke Bar  
Nürnberger Straße 50-55  
10789 Berlin  
Link to Google Maps: <http://goo.gl/maps/3yaf>

<http://www.ellington-hotel.com/english/Home/Home.html>



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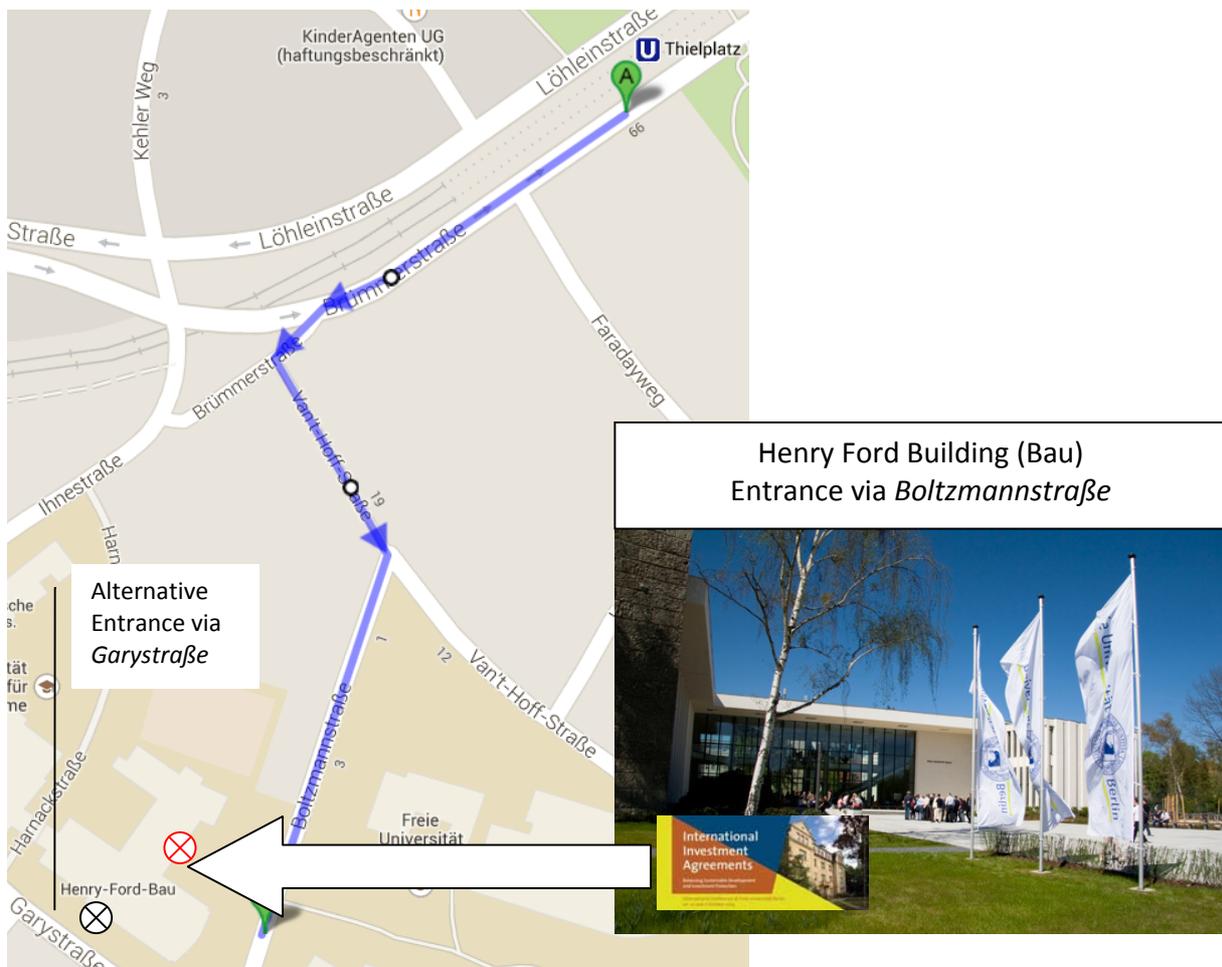
- **Arrival information & public transport**

It is possible to use public transport to access the conference venue - **Henry Ford Building, Lecture Hall B, Freie Universität Berlin, Garystraße 35, 14195 Berlin** (map below)

The nearest subway (U-Bahn) station is “*Thielplatz*”, which is on line U3.

From *Thielplatz* station: Turn into *Brümmerstraße* (parallel to the railway line), and after approx. 250m turn left onto the *Van't-Hoff-Straße*. Follow this for approx. 150m, and then turn right onto *Boltzmannstraße*. After 100m, you will find the main entrance to the Henry Ford Building on the right. There is an additional entrance at *Garystraße*.

Inside the Henry Ford Building, signposts will direct you to the registration and Lecture Hall B.





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## Arrival by plane

Berlin has two airports, *Tegel* und *Schönefeld*.

### **From *Tegel Airport* (TXL)**

From *Tegel Airport* to the Law Faculty of the Freie Universität Berlin it takes a good half hour by public transport, using the following route:

- Take Bus X9 or 109 (direction *Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten*) until *Jakob-Kaiser Platz*
- U-Bahn U7 (direction *Rudow*) from *Jakob-Kaiser Platz* until *Fehrbelliner Platz*
- U-Bahn U3 (direction *Krumme Lanke*) from *Fehrbelliner Platz* until *Thielplatz*
- 5 minute walk to Henry Ford Building (see map above)

### **From *Schönefeld Airport***

From *Schönefeld Airport* to the Law Faculty of the Freie Universität Berlin it takes a good hour by public transport, using the following route:

- Take Regional Express train RE7 (direction *Dessau/Hauptbahnhof*) until *Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten*
- U-Bahn U9 (direction *Rathaus Steglitz*) from *Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten* until *Bahnhof Spichernstraße*
- U-Bahn U3 (direction *Krumme Lanke*) from *Bahnhof Spichernstraße* until *Thielplatz*
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Or

- Take Bus X7 (direction *Rudow*) until *Bahnhof Rudow*
- U-Bahn U7 (direction *Rathaus Spandau*) from *Bahnhof Rudow* until *Fehrbelliner Platz*
- U-Bahn U3 (direction *Krumme Lanke*) from *Fehrbelliner Platz* until *Thielplatz*
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## Travel by rail

### From *Hauptbahnhof* (Berlin Central Train Station)

ICE-, IC, EC-, Regional trains and the S-Bahn travel to Berlin Central Station (*Hauptbahnhof*) at high frequency. From there you can reach the Law Faculty of the FUB within half an hour, using the following route:

- Take S-Bahn 5, 7 or 75, (direction west, towards *Westkreuz*, *Potsdam*, or *Spandau*) until *Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten*
- U-Bahn U9 (direction *Rathaus Steglitz*) from *Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten* until *Bahnhof Spichernstraße*
- U-Bahn U3 (direction *Krumme Lanke*) from *Bahnhof Spichernstraße* until *Thielplatz*
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## Useful public transport information

Using S-Bahn, U-Bahn or buses to get around Berlin is very reliable and convenient. The following website provides you with useful information in English, including an **individual journey planner**. The planner might be helpful in order to find the best connections to and from the airport, hotel, university and other destinations:

<http://www.fahrinfo-berlin.de/Fahrinfo/bin/query.bin/en?ld=0.1&>

Apps for mobile devices for planning individual journeys are also available, here:

<http://www.bvg.de/index.php/en/17101/name/Journey+Planner+for+Mobile+Devices.html>

A *single ticket* entitles you to travel with any number of changes towards your destination. The ticket is valid for 2 hours and it costs **2.60, 2.90** or **3.20** EUR depending on your travel zone. FUB is located in zone *B* and therefore you will most likely need a ticket for zones *AB*, which costs **2.60 EUR**. The *Schönefeld* train station lies in zone *C*. If you are traveling to the university from *Schönefeld* airport, you will need to buy a ticket for zones *ABC* (**3.20 EUR**).

A *one day ticket* allows you to travel as often as you want on the day of validation until 3.00 a.m. on the following day. According to the travel zones, the price varies between **6.70, 7.00 & 7.20 EUR**.

All tickets can be bought from ticket counters (in all major stations including the airports and central station), and from vending machines (located at all train, underground and urban rail stations). They accept both cash and EC cards. Please be aware that if you are travelling with public transport you must stamp your ticket prior to your travel. Tickets (including day tickets) need only be stamped once.



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- **Taxi service**

A taxi to central Berlin from *Tegel* airport will cost approx. **25 EUR** and will take around 20 to 30 minutes, depending on traffic and destination. From *Schönefeld* airport, the cost will be approx. **35 EUR** and the journey will take around 45 minutes. Taxis are located outside the terminals at both airports.

Taxi-Ruf Würfelfunk "0800-Cabcall" AG	+49 (0)800 - 222 22 55
Quality Taxi	+49 (0)800 - 263 00 00
Funk Taxi Berlin	+49 (0)30 - 26 10 26
TaxiFunk Berlin GmbH	+49 (0)30 - 44 33 22

## Other useful information

- **Climate**

The daily temperature in October ranges from 14°C to 5 °C.

- **Currency**

The official currency is the Euro (EUR). Foreign currency can be exchanged at airports, banks or exchange offices. Germany is still a largely cash-based society. Although major credit cards are becoming more widely accepted in central Berlin, it is best not to assume that you will be able to use one - enquire first. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) can be found throughout Berlin.

- **Electricity**

Electricity in Germany is supplied at 220V. European-style two-pin plugs are standard.

- **Water**

You do not have to buy bottled water to drink. Tap-water is drinkable.

- **Mobile Phones**

When calling Germany, the country code is +49 preceded by your international access code. The outgoing code is 00 (or +) followed by the country code (e.g. 0040 for Romania). Local emergency phone numbers are 112 (fire and ambulance) and 110 (police).



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- **Time Zone**

Berlin is located in the Central European time zone, which is one hour after Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +1h).

- **Tipping**

Tips and value added tax (VAT) are officially included in all prices. But if the service provided was satisfactory, an extra tip is recommended (e.g. taxis: 10%, restaurants: 10 to 15%).

- **Other useful sites:**

<http://www.visitberlin.de/en>

<http://www.berlin.de/stadtplan>

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions related to your stay in Berlin!**

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