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Oriental Institute
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The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences was founded in 1922 by a resolution of the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic and is one of the oldest institutions in Europe dedicated to the study of politics, societies and cultures of the "Orient" countries. It consists of the Department of the Near East, South Asia and East Asia, and its staff explores arab countries, Iran, Israel, Turkey, the Ottoman Empire, the ancient Near and Far East, India, Central and Southeast Asia, China and Japan. It also includes an extensive professional library with more than 230,000 volumes in European and Oriental languages.

Faculty of Arts
Charles University

The Faculty of Arts of Charles University, one of the four original faculties of the Prague University founded by the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and King Charles IV of Bohemia in 1348 (initially referred to as the Faculty of Liberal Arts or The Faculty of Arts). It is a traditional center of education and in terms of research outcomes the most important institution in the humanities in the Czech Republic. More than 9000 students of the second largest Czech faculty study over 70 disciplines taught by 700 teachers.

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Czech Academy of Sciences

Successor of the former Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, the Czech Academy of Sciences is a complex of 54 public research institutions. The aim of the Academy is to conduct research in natural, technical and social sciences as well as in humanities. Researchers of the Academy also participate in education, particularly through doctoral study programmes for young researchers and by teaching at universities as well. The integration of the Czech science into the international context is being promoted by means of numerous joint international research projects and through the exchange of scientists with counterpart institutions abroad.

The City of Prague

Prague is a city with a rich history and cultural and architectural heritage. Called a city of a hundred spires, Prague is know for its beautiful churches and palaces. picturesque city centre, magical atmosphere (see below) and many legends. It is also a dynamic city and a political, cultural and economic centre not only of the Czech Republic but of the whole regiion. Prague City Hall is kindly giving its support to numerous scientific, cultural and community projects every year.

Charles University

IATS 2022 takes place under the auspices of the Rectorate of Charles University, founded by Charles IV in 1348, making it one of the oldest universities in the world. Ranked as the best-rated Czech university, its aim is to enhance its prestigious status as a research institution. There are 17 faculties, 3 institutes and 6 centres of teaching and research.

Venues

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Faculty of Arts

Jan Palach was a young student of the Faculty of Arts who in January 1969 expressed his refusal to surrender to the "normalization" regime in Czechoslovakia after the Soviet-led invasion in August 1968 by his self-immolation. His legacy is still remembered today. You can read more about him here (in Tibetan and other languages).
Event: Registrations, Presentations, Help desk, Lunch breaks
When: Every day
Where: Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Náměstí Jana Palacha 1/2, Prague 1



Času dost Restaurant

The restaurant is situated in the beautiful building of the Museum of Decorative Arts built in the late 19th century. Adjacent to the Old Jewish Cemetery it is located right next to the Faculty of Arts.
Event: Welcome drink
When: Sunday, July 3rd, 7 pm - 9 pm
Where: Široká 1, Josefov, Prague 1



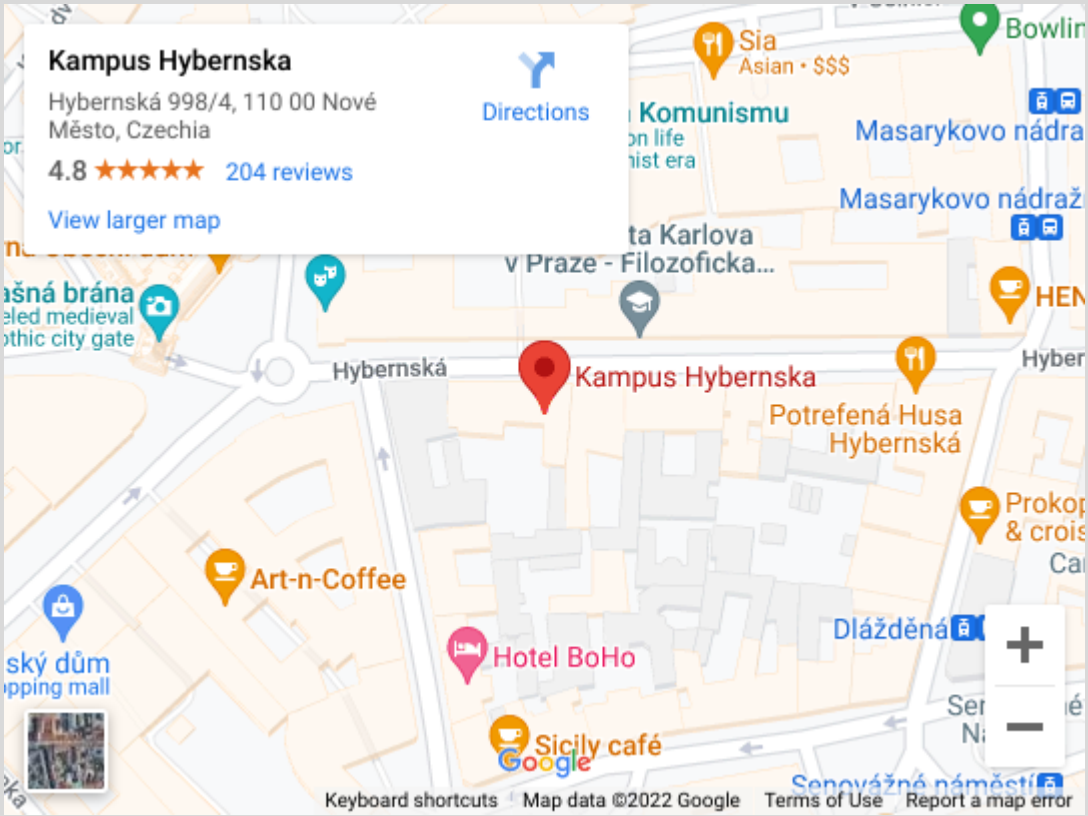
Venues

Campus Hybernská

A vibrant place where people, cultures, talents, and languages meet. Founded by The Prague City Hall and the Faculty of Arts, Charles University.
Event: Open air concert, Beer garden, BBQ, Book launch
When: Wednesday, July 6th, 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Where: Hybernská 4, Prague 1







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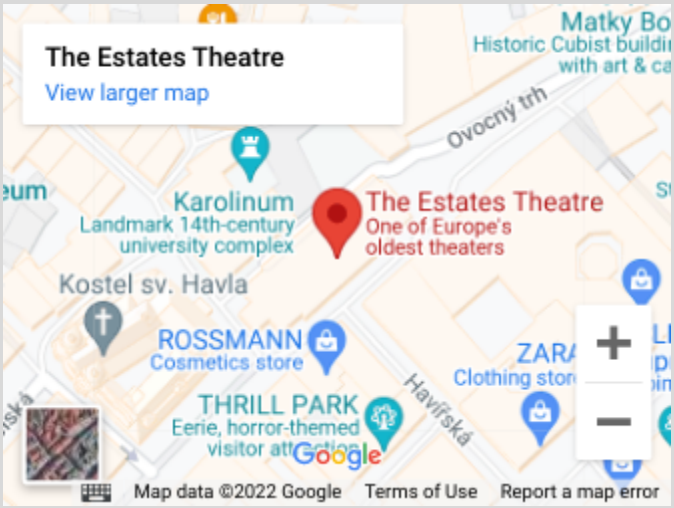
Estates Theatre

The Estates Theatre is one of the most beautiful historical theatre buildings in Europe. It has been part of the National Theatre since 1920, although it opened in 1783 already. In 1787, W.A. Mozart himself conducted his Marriage of Figaro in this very building. The composer, moved by the warm reception, decided to compose a brand new opera for Prague – Don Giovanni.

Event: Business Meeting

When: July 7th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: Ovocný trh, Prague 1







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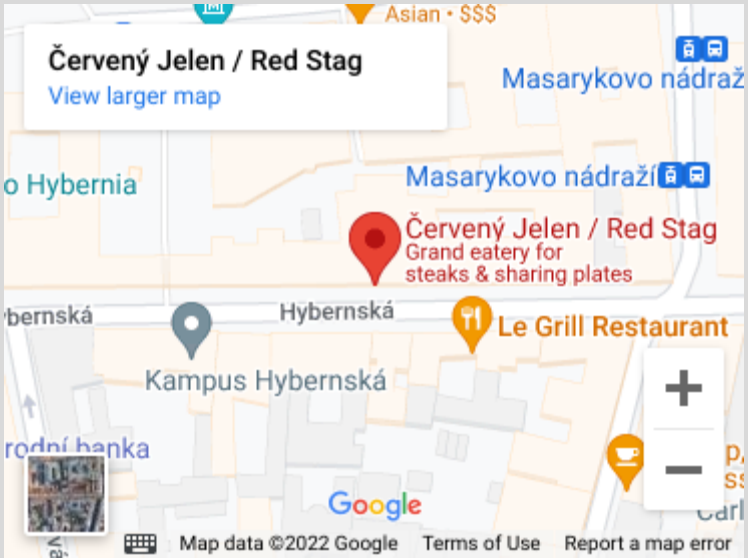
Červený Jelen / Red Stag Restaurant

Would you think of having dinner in a bank…? The restaurant is located in the former Anglo-Austrian bank created between the two World Wars by Josef Gočár, a prominent Czech architect, in the cubist-modernist style. The pub got its name as a reference to Count Špork, the original owner of the building (end of 18th century), who saw a red stag in his dream after falling asleep after an exceptionally successful hunt followed by an "arduous" feast. He was the founder of the Czech hunting tradition and a patron of the arts.

Event: Conference Dinner
When: Thursday, July 7th, 7pm - 10 pm
Where: Hybernská 5, Prague 1







Important telephone numbers

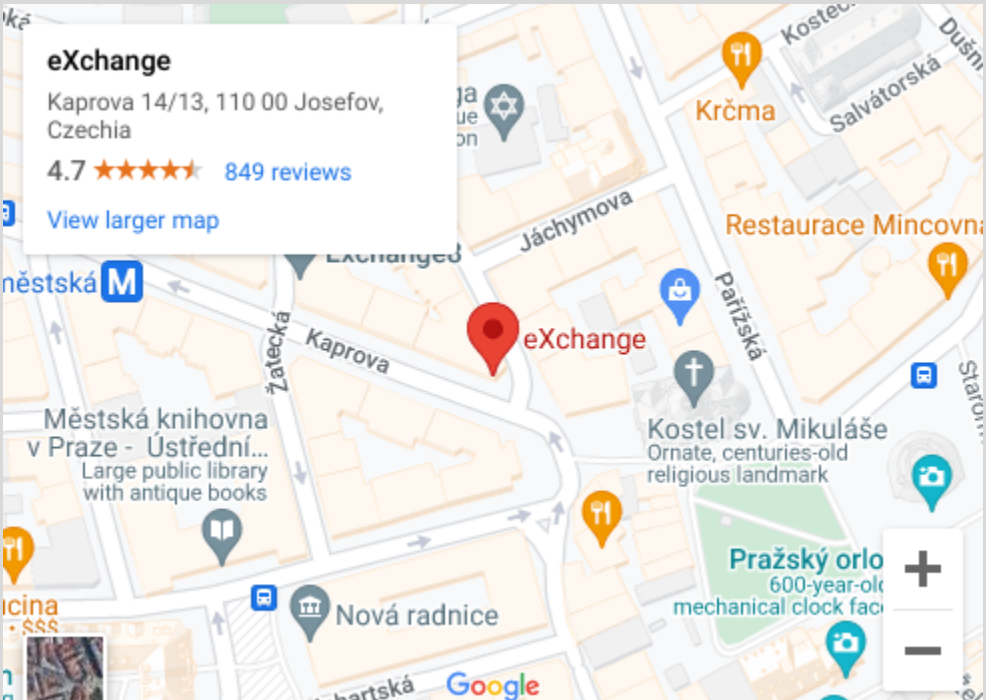
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Money Exchange

on the corner of Karpova and Meislova Street





Public transport





Public transportation timetable app

Prague has 3 metro lines and a dense network of bus and tram transports. You can buy tickets at the airport, all metro stations, dedicates ticket offices or in vending machines. The ticket price in Prague is fixed and applies to all types of public transport.

To travel from the airport to the city centre, it is best to use bus 119 or 191 to Nádraží Veleslavín (railway station) and then use the metro. Alternatively, the bus 191 ends at the Anděl metro station.

Important note: Please buy only ticket(s) to get you to the Faculty of Arts, Jan Palach square, ("Staroměstská" station) or to your accommodation. When registering for the conference, you will get a free ticket for public transport covering your whole stay.

METRO LINES

Regular situation valid from 1. 9. 2018



Key to symbols:

- Transfer to trains
- Public bus to the Airport
- P+R Park and Ride
- Public transport infocentre
- Transfer station
- Station under construction
- A Terminus

Barrier-free access to stations:

- Full – from ground level to the platform
- Partial – escalators only (in both directions)
- Partial – escalators only (across the shopping centre)

Frequencies of metro routes (5-24 h)

Route	Working days						Saturdays					Sundays and public holidays					Data is valid for
	05–07	07–10	10–14	14–19	19–22	22–24	05–07	07–09	09–20	20–22	22–24	05–10	10–14	14–20	20–22	22–24	
A	10–5	2–4	5	3–4	5–7,5	10	10	7,5	7,5	7,5	10	10	7,5	7,5	7,5	10	Nemocnice Motol – Skalka
	10–5	4–8	10	6–8	5–7,5	10	10	7,5	7,5	7,5	10	10	7,5	7,5	7,5	10	Skalka – Depo Hostivař
B	10–5	2–4	5	2–4	5–7,5	10	10	7,5	6	7,5	10	10	7,5	6	7,5	10	Zličín – Černý Most
C	10–5	2–3	3–4	2–3	5–7,5	10	10	7,5	5	7,5	10	10	7,5	5	7,5	10	Háje – Letňany

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For calls and data while in Prague, try prepaid cards.
Double-click on the name to open the web pages.

Vodafone

O2

T-Mobile

You can get a local SIM card in T-Mobile, O2 & Vodafone stores. Resellers, like RELAY, grocery stores or gas stations also sell SIM cards. They are also available at Václav Havel Airport Prague (Vodafone only).

You can expect to pay the following for a local SIM card:

- **T-Mobile**: 150 CZK, 200 CZK & 469 CZK
- **O2**: 179 CZK & 299 CZK (regular & data-only for the same price)
- **Vodafone**: 200 CZK (regular), 800 CZK (data-only) & 1299 CZK (data-only)

Excursions and museum guided tours

Organized outings reserved in advance via ConfTool

Jewish Town - Josefov

In the Middle Ages, it used to be a poor ghetto.
Today it no longer has a historical character, because at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries it underwent extensive demolition and new construction. World wars prevented more massive construction, and thanks to this, remnants of Jewish life are visible in Josefov.
The Jewish Museum manages the following monuments: Maisel Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, Pinkas Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, Klausen Synagogue and Old Jewish Cemetery.
When: July 6th, Guided tour
Meeting point: in front of Rudolfinum





Excursions and museum guided tours

National Gallery Prague - Asian Collections

Commented visit of a part of the Asian Colections in Veletržní palác. The Collection of the Art of Asia and Africa houses more than 13,000 artifacts, the majority of Asian provenance. Most of the paintings and sculptures in the Tibetan and Mongolian collections date back to the 18th and 19th centuries. However, there is also a beautiful Tibetan painting series from the 17th century depicting Mahasiddhas. Most of the works in the collection are small- or medium-scale. The largest sculpture is that of bodhisattva Padmapani, and the largest painting is the remarkably sizeable depiction of the mythical land of Shambhala. The Art of Asia exhibition is shown in the so-called The Schaudepot, The open storage thus makes more than 600 artworks of Asian provenance from the National Gallery Prague available for viewing

When: July 6th

Meeting point: in front of Rudolfinum

Ehxibition "Zenga"

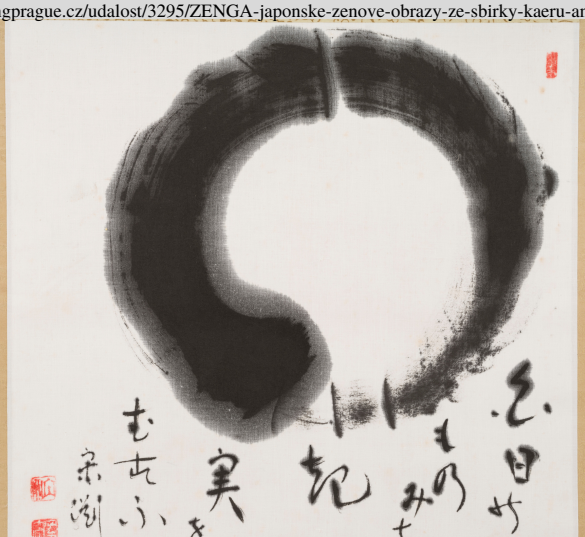
For the first time ever, the National Gallery Prague will exhibit a part of the Kaeru-An Collection – literally the “Collection from the Frog’s Hut” – which will present Japanese Zen painting and calligraphy from the 17th to the 20th centuries. The exhibition takes place at the neoclassical Salm Palace (Salmovský palác) at Hradčanské Square, near the Prague Castle.

When: Wednesday July 6th, **Individual visit**

source: https://www.ngprague.cz/udalost/3295/ZENGA-japonske-zenove-obrazy-ze-sbirky-kaeru-an







Excursions and museum guided tours

Klementinum - National Library

Klementinum, one of the largest building complexes in Europe (over 2 hectares), was built mostly between the 16th and 18th century. Named after the much older St. Climent's church, Klementinum became at one point the third largest Jesuit college in the world. Thanks to the academic focus on astronomy and mathematics, it became the oldest continuously recording meteorological station in the Central Europe (1775). Nowadays, it is the seat of the National Library. The tour comprises the Baroque Library Hall with its beautiful fresco paintings and several rare globes; the Meridian Hall, and the Astronomical Tower which at 68 meters presents a wonderful view of the historical centre of Prague.

When: July 6th

Meeting point: in front of Rudolfinum

Carolinum

This ancient palace, served as a dormitory for the Charles University students from 1383 and is considered to be the oldest dormitory in Central Europe. Later It became the seat of the university rector. Students of the Charles University attend their graduation ceremonies in the Great Aula. Carolinum is located next to the Estates Theatre at Ovocný trh. The tour includes the Great and Small Auditorium, the Patriotic Hall, the Inaugural Hall and Carolinum art gallery.

When: July 8th, Guided tour

Meeting point: in front of Rudolfinum





Excursions and museum guided tours

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(in front of Rudolfinum)

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Excursions Meeting Point: in front of Rudolfinum Concert Hall, Jana Palacha square



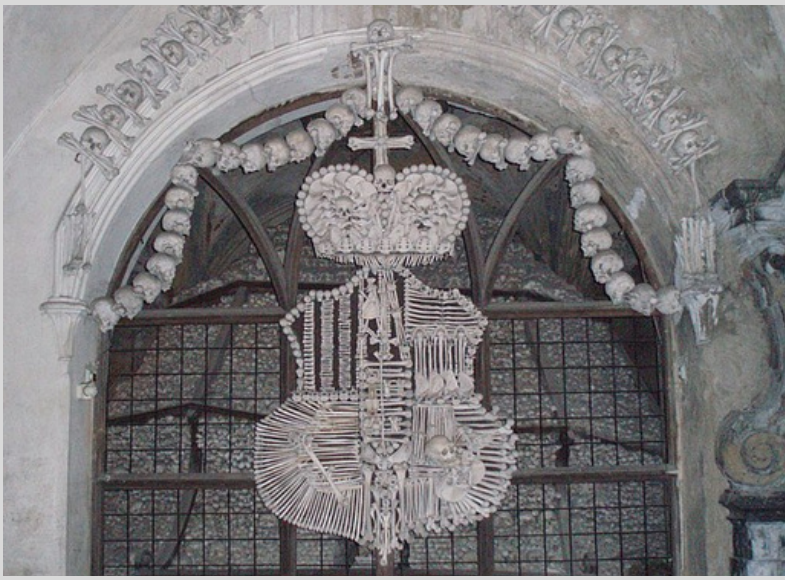
Day Trips

Kutná Hora

Kutná Hora, once a rich city of silver mines, is a lovely town of picturesque streets, surmounted by a magnificent gothic church of Saint Barbara, a UNESCO world heritage site, built in late 14th and early 15th century. On the outskirts of the city you will visit an ossuary where exhumated bones from a closed down cemetery were arranged into unique decors and ornaments.

When: July 9th, guided tour

Meeting point: Main train station Hlavní nádraží



Eastern Tunes Festival

7th edition of an open air festival of Asian music and culture against xenophobia in the Šluknov Hook, North Bohemia. The festival takes place on the premises of the Thonmi association where one can see a small herd of Tibetan yaks, an enlightenment stupa, a Mongolian yurt, an ovoo, a tandoor or an Asian educational path.

When: July 9th

Meeting point: in front of Rudolfinum



Eating out

No Stress bakery - French baguettes, pastries and small meals.
Ideal for breakfast.

Havelská Koruna – traditional Czech cuisine at excelent price

Staropražský hostinec u Provaznice - traditional Czech cuisine and beer

Mlýnec - fine dining with a view over the Charles Bridge

Indian Restaurant

Vietnamese Restaurant

Maitreja Vegetarian Restaurant

Café Louvre – classic elegance

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Prague Historic Sites

Prague Castle

Prague Castle, the most important Czech and world's largest castle, was built above the Vltava River in the center of Prague in late 9th century. Seat of Czech princes and later kings of Bohemia, it became the seat of the President of the Republic in 1918. The metropolitan cathedral of Saints Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert, a beautiful example of gothic architecture located in one of the courtyards is the highlight of the Prague Castle panorama.

Vyšehrad

Vyšehrad is a historic fortified settlement in Prague, perched on a rock above the right bank of the Vltava River on the southern edge of the historic city. At the Vyšehrad cemetery next to the basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul are buried famous Czech personalities. The oldest Prague rotunda can also be found at Vyšehrad and is dedicated to St. Martin. Vyšehrad is associated with a number of legends from the beginning of Czech history, it was allegedly founded by the mythical Prince Krok, whose daughter, Princess Libuše, uttered the famous sentence: "I see a great city, whose glory will touch the stars."







Prague historic sites

Old Town Square and Prague Astronomical Clock

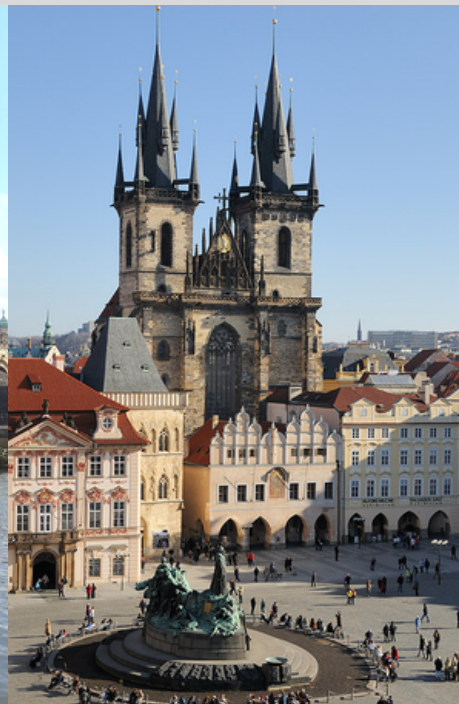
Old Town Square is a historic square in the Old Town quarter of Prague. The square features buildings belonging to various architectural styles, including the Gothic Church of Our Lady before Týn, which has been the main church of this part of the city since the 14th century. Prague Orloj is a medieval astronomical clock mounted on the Old Town Hall. The clock was first installed in 1410, making it the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world and the oldest one still in operation. The tower of the Old Town Hall is open to the public and offers panoramic views of the Old Town.

Charles Bridge

Charles Bridge is a medieval stone arch bridge that crosses the Vltava river. Its construction started in 1357 under the auspices of King Charles IV, and finished in the early 15th century. The bridge replaced the old Judith Bridge built in late 12th century that had been badly damaged by a flood in 1342. Currently there are 18 bridges across the Vltava river and 16 of them can be crossed on foot.







Prague historic sites

National Theatre

Built from the desire for indepedence after more than three hundret years of Habsburg rule and financed from a national money collection, the National Theatre is one of the most important builidngs of the Czech history. The Neo-Renaissance building standing on the right bank of the Vltava river was first opened in 1881, burned down in the same year and with the help of another massibe national collectoin was reopened in 1883. The National Theatre is the symbol of Czech national identity and the flagship of Czech culture.

National Museum

The National Museum is the largest museum in the Czech Republic. The neoclassical building on the upper end of the Wenceslas square was built in 1891 to store the Museum collections. The National Museum consists of the Museum of Natural Sciences, the Historical Museum, the Library of the National Museum, the Náprstek Museum of Asian, African and American Cultures and the Czech Museum of Music.





Magic Prague

You may like to read belles-lettres on places you visit, and you appreciate gothic fiction inspired by mystery, esotericism and, of course, magic. And if you connect Prague, magic, and Tibetan motives, the work of German writer Gustav Meyrink (1868–1932) is a good choice. Meyrink lived in Prague from 1884 to 1903 and apart from his education, business and sport – he was a member of the German rowing club Regatta and reflected his experience in the short story The Thick Water (in German *Das dicke Wasser*) – he both enjoyed, disliked, and ridiculed the atmosphere of Prague, especially its historical monuments like the Prague Castle with the Golden Lane or the old Jewish Quarter. Expressed by his own words from the short story *The City with the Secret Heartbeat*:

"I lived in Prague, the city with the secret heartbeat. It has never entirely left me, even today it comes over me when I think back to Prague or dream of it at night. Everything I ever experienced I can call up in my mind's eye as if it were there before me, bursting with life. If, however, I summon up Prague, it appears more clearly than anything else, so clearly, in fact, that it no longer seems real, but ghostly. Every person I knew there turns into a ghost, an inhabitant of a realm that does not know death."

But apart from mysteries, inner life, dreaming etc. he also saw the grotesque atmosphere of the periphery of the late Austro-Hungarian empire with its petty bourgeoise townies and Czech-German tensions like, e.g., in the short story *Prag: Eine optimistisch gehaltene Städteschilderung in vier Bildern* (*Prague: Four Optimistic Pictures of the City*). Meyrink is covering the city and its inhabitants with his irony and lets his bitterness express in words like:

"The Englishmen and Frenchmen seldom know where Prague is situated because, as the Bible has it, they hath chosen the best part. ... To a simple foreigner [the Vltava river] seems to be as wide as the Mississippi but it is only 4 mm deep and full of leaches. ... [But after some channelization works] it will soon be possible to escape from Prague even by boat. ... Before visiting Café Continental – the heart of German Prague – it might be a good idea for a non-acclimatised visitor to take preliminary training in a panopticon or a freak show because you won't be so easily frightened. Moreover, you'll encounter some small joys if you occasionally get to know one or the other Prague gentleman and can gladly think: hurrah, I've already seen the same head in spiritus."

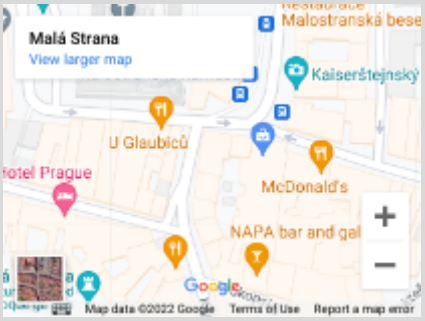
Magic Prague

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Below, we offer some places for your walks and recommendation for related readings:



1. **Prague Castle** (St. Vitus Cathedral and Golden Lane) appeared in the novel Golem (first edition 1915; p. 50–57 and 189 of the 1986 edition). Daliborka Tower was a place of secret meetings in Walpurgisnacht (1917). English translation is in the *Dedalus Meyrink Reader* (Kindle edition p. 3826 and further; in German edition p. 31). Old Castle Stairs is the place where the gothic short story The Preparation (*Das Präparat*) takes place at a house of mysterious and vindictive anatomist Dr Mohammed Daryash-Koh. English version is a part of *The Opal and other Stories*.



2. **The Old New Synagogue** appears in connection with the legend about golem (e.g. *The Golem* p. 24–34).



3. **Malá Strana and Hradčany** is (apart from Walpurgisnacht) a backcloth of gothic short stories like Dr Cinderella's Plants (*Dedalus Meyrink Reader* 4917 p. and further) and Humming in the Ears (*The Opal and other Stories* 2217 and further). (see map beside Prague Castle map)



4. **Charles Bridge** connecting Malá Strana and Staré Město is mentioned as well (e.g. the damaging of the bridge in 1890; see *The Golem* p. 52, 99, 184).

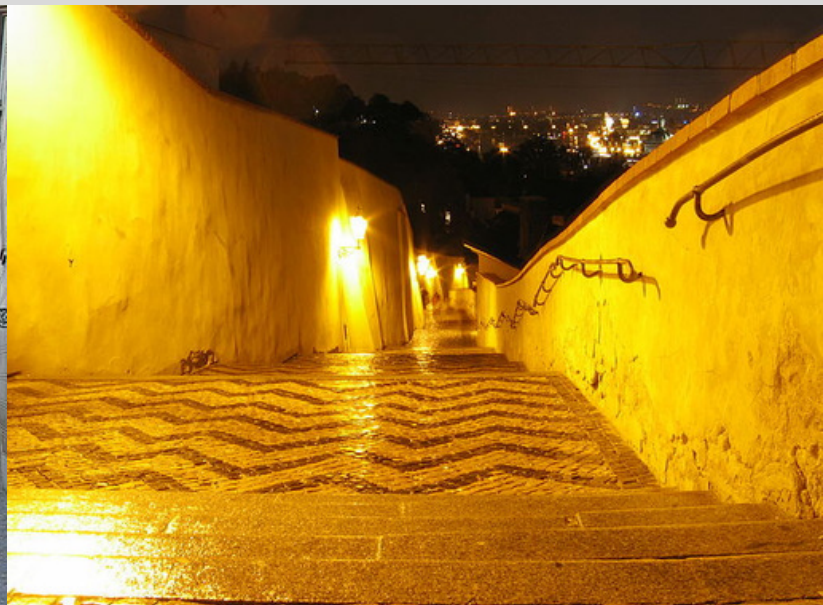
5. As for cafes and restaurants visited and described by Meyrink, most of them have disappeared. Such was the fate of the famous Salon Loisitschek (*The Golem* p. 35 and further) which was situated here or Café Continental which was here and pubs in the Ungelt or the pub called Three Acorns.

Magic Prague

The magic of Prague is expectably neither Tibetan, nor Buddhist. Though he mentions "Gautama the Ascetic" in Golem (see p. 3), it is far more connected to Jewish culture. Short stories connected to Tibet are taking place outside Prague. As a "literary wholesaler in oriental goods" (as Czech literary critic F. X. Šalda mocked him), Meyrink knew his trade quite well. So, his Tibetan stories have usually no special connection to particular places either in Tibet or in Europe. Apart from the short stories *The Violet Death* and *Cricket Magic* mentioned in Brauen's *Dreamworld Tibet* (2004, 76–78) there are others with Tibetan motives like *Black Ball*, *The Four Moon Brethren*, *The Transformation of Blood* and *What's the Use of White Dog Shit?*. As Brauen suggested (Brauen 2004, 76), the picture of Tibetans in his stories might be perceived as a negative one, yet it is necessary to consider Meyrink's irony and fascination with magic. For Meyrink (at least in his short stories) every Tibetan book including Tsongkhapa's *Lamrim* was in fact a book of magic. Thus, the negative "heroes" might be Europeans who in their ignorant superciliousness flirt with secret powers.

Last but not least, it might be a kind of magic but Meyrink's copyright seems to be protected quite well. These days, however, only the novel *The Golem* is either available to download or borrow, e.g. via the Archive.org. Some German editions are available at the Gutenberg project, especially collections of short stories *Der violette Tod* (*The Violet Death*), *Fledermäuse* (*Bats*) and *Des Deutschen Spießers Wunderhorn* (*The Magic Horn of a German Fogey*). Moreover, it is worth mentioning that Dedalus Books have been publishing Meyrink's works from 2008 and they are easy to purchase.





Stupas in Czechia

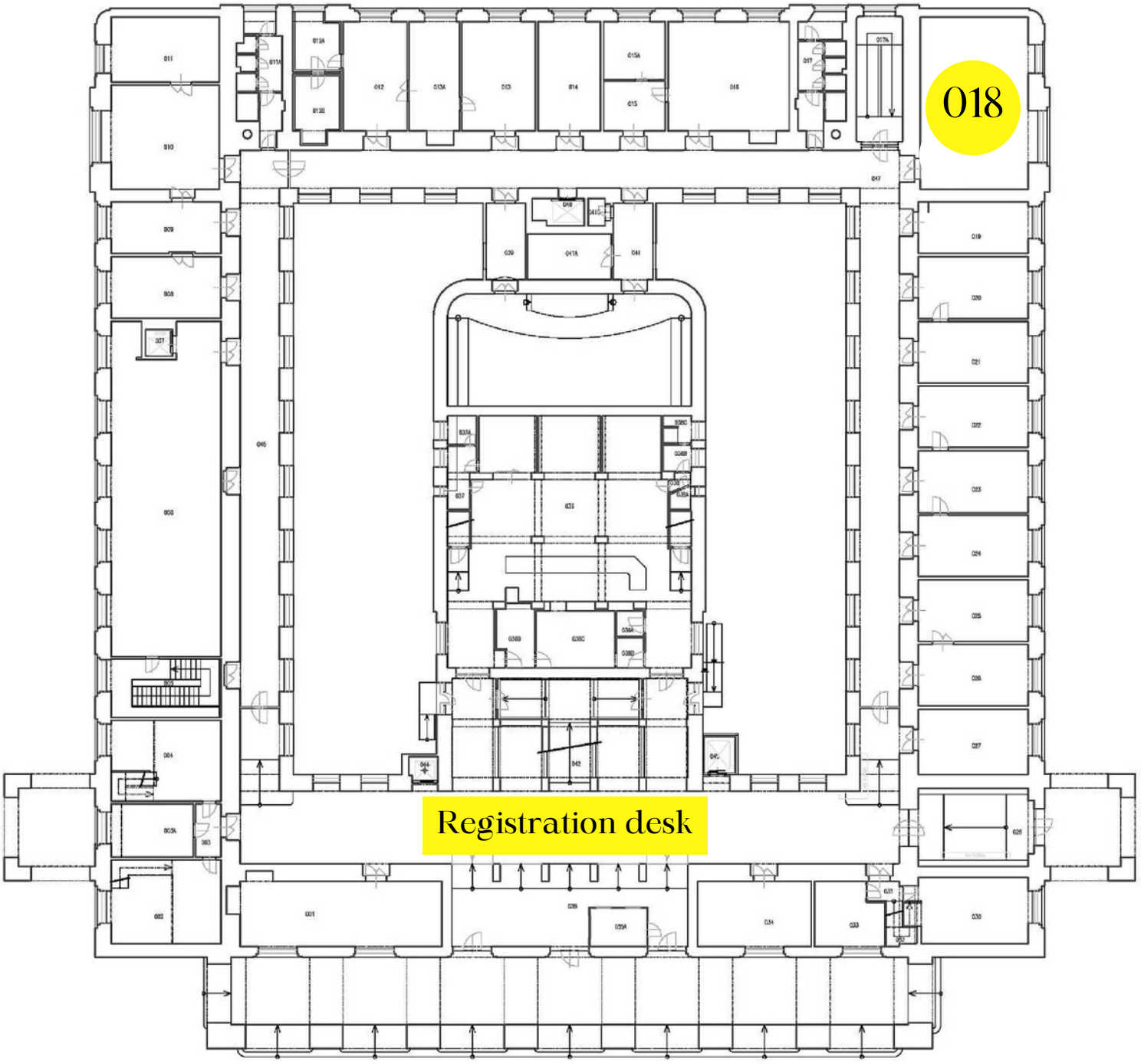
There are five stupas in the Czech Republic.
The oldest one (in Těnovice) was built in 2014.

Those going on our day trip to the Eastern Tunes Festival will visit the Enlightenment Stupa in Velký Šenov.



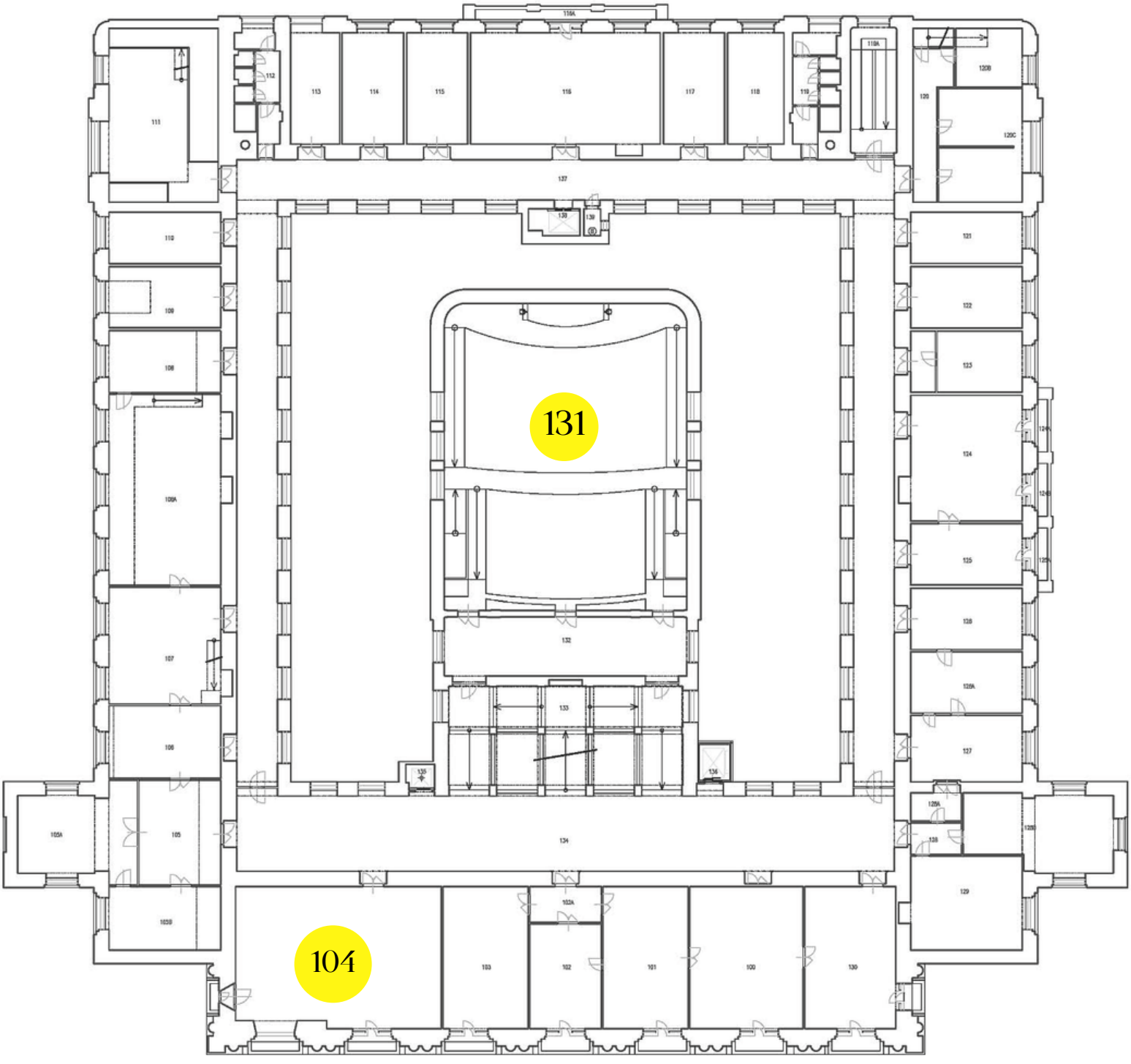
Faculty of Arts - floor plan

Ground floor



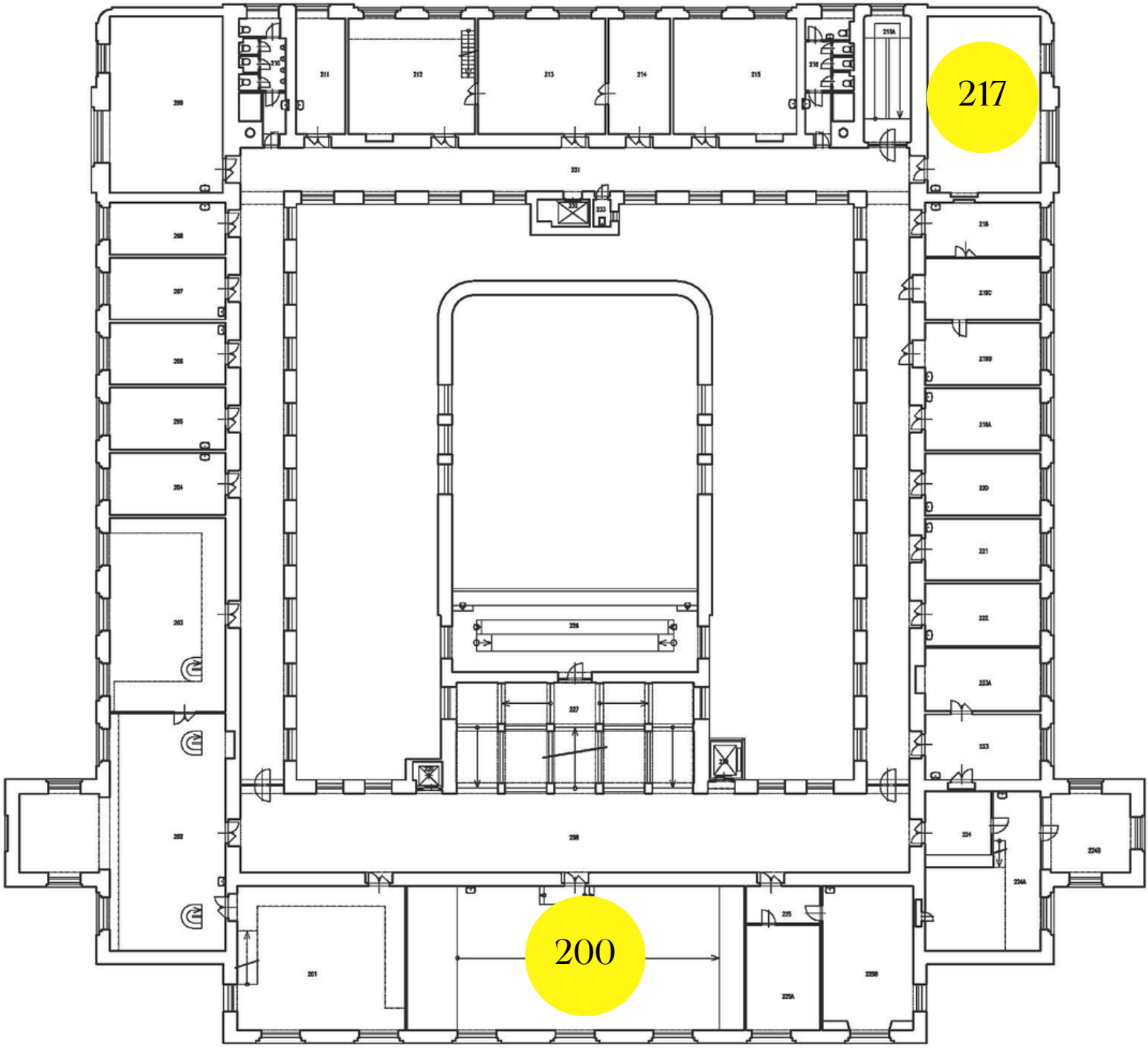
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First floor



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Second floor



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Third floor

