Conference Information

The 13th Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge (TARK XIII) will be held July 12–14, 2011 at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

• **Local Registration:** Monday, 11 July 8:00am–9:00am and Tuesday, 12 July 8:00am–9:00am in the University’s main academic building (Academiegebouw), located on Academieplein (map: http://bit.ly/fjts1H). Late registration is possible on each day of the conference.

• **Lecture Room:** The Geertsemazaal room of the University’s main academic building (Academiegebouw), located on Academieplein (map: http://bit.ly/fjts1H).

• **Start Time:** Lectures begin at 9:00am in the Lecture Room.

• **Additional Information:**
  - Conference Website: http://www.tark2011.org
  - Logistical Inquiries: tark2011org@gmail.com
  - Programmatic Inquiries: k.r.apt@cwi.nl

• **Satellite Workshops (Monday & Friday):**
  - Friday, 15 July at 9:00am: *Quantum physics meets TARK.* Begins 9:15am. See http://www.ai.rug.nl/conf/quantumTARK.

Social Events


• **Pre-Dinner Guided Tour:** Wednesday, 13 July at 5:30pm in the front of the University’s main academic building (Academiegebouw) on Academieplein (map: http://bit.ly/fjts1H); ends at 7:00pm at the restaurant De Sleutel (location: Noorderhaven 72, map: http://bit.ly/jnhZyp).

• **Dinner:** Wednesday, 13 July at 7:00pm at De Sleutel. Location: Noorderhaven 72. Map: http://bit.ly/jnhZyp.

Travel Information

• **From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS):** http://www.schiphol.nl/index_en.html

  Before booking: *We recommend you choose an outbound flight arriving Schiphol 8:00am–10:00pm and a return flight departing Schiphol 1:00pm–11:59pm.*

  The train between Schiphol and Groningen takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes each way. Outbound direct trains depart Schiphol for Groningen 8:19am–11:19pm weekends and 6:19am–11:19pm weekdays. Return direct trains depart Groningen for Schiphol 7:05am–10:06pm weekends and 5:06am–10:06pm weekdays.

  If your return flight departs Schiphol before 12:00pm on the weekend or before 10:00am on a weekday, then there are two options.
1. Take the train to Schiphol the day before your return flight and stay overnight at a Schiphol-area hotel. See [http://www.hotels.nl/schiphol](http://www.hotels.nl/schiphol) for a list of hotels.

2. Reserve a taxi from Groningen to Schiphol. The cost is €185 one-way for a car seating four people, €235 one-way for a van seating eight people. See [http://www.schipholtaxigroningen.nl](http://www.schipholtaxigroningen.nl) or call +31 (0)508507519. Reserve at least one day before your flight.

After arrival: Purchase a one-way train ticket to Groningen from an employee working at the Dutch Railways (NS) Ticket Desk in Schiphol Plaza. (See diagram below.) A one-way first-class ticket from Schiphol to Groningen costs about €43; a one-way second-class ticket costs about €25. The website of the Dutch Railways is [http://ns.nl/cs/Satellite/travellers](http://ns.nl/cs/Satellite/travellers).

Take the direct train from Schiphol to Groningen, which leaves from Platform 3 at 19 minutes after the hour; its final stop is Groningen. The last train from Schiphol to Groningen departs at 11:19pm. The scheduled journey time is about 2 hours and 40 minutes. Make sure you take your seat in the front part of the train, where “front” is in the direction of travel, because this train will split at a certain stop. After splitting, the front part will go to Groningen, and the back part will go somewhere else. After arriving at Groningen station, the taxi stand is easy to find.

- **From Bremen Airport (BRE):** [http://www.airport-bremen.de/en/start](http://www.airport-bremen.de/en/start)

  Before booking: Consult the Public Express website ([http://www.publicexpress.net](http://www.publicexpress.net)) to see whether there is a direct bus that will take you to Groningen. Travel by train from Bremen Airport to Groningen is also possible but cumbersome.

  Book a round-trip ticket for a direct bus from Bremen Airport to Groningen online via the Public Express website; the cost is about €35. The bus leaves from the Ryanair terminal of Bremen Airport. The journey to Groningen will take approximately 3–3.5 hours. If you do not book your ticket in advance online, there may not be a seat for you on the bus. There are at most five bus departures per day. After arriving at Groningen station, the taxi stand is easy to find.

**Accommodation**

The registration form at [http://www.tark2011.org](http://www.tark2011.org) will provide several choices of accommodation.

**Taxi**

Taxi Noord: +31 (0)505494940. Note: Cash, Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Dutch PIN.
Taxi Groningen: +31 (0)508507283. Note: Cash only.
Taxi Direct Groningen: +31 (0)505777703. Note: Cash only.
Food and Drink

- **The Market.** The fish market (*vismarkt*) hosts vendors of fresh produce, seafood, meats, cheeses, spices, baked goods, and more on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00am–5:00pm. Map: [http://bit.ly/gE70PC](http://bit.ly/gE70PC).

- **Grocery.** Albert Heijn is the largest grocery store chain in the Netherlands. The following are the Albert Heijn store locations in the Groningen center.

  Note that all of the above stores are closed on Sunday. In a pinch, you can find a limited selection of ready-to-eat food such as sandwiches, snacks, and drinks at one of the following Albert Heijn *to go* locations.
  2. Stationsplein 3 (in the Groningen train station). Hours: Monday through Friday 6:30am–11:00pm, Saturday 7:00am–11:00am, Sunday 8:00am–11:00pm. Map: [http://bit.ly/fRbwvl](http://bit.ly/fRbwvl).

- **Coffee and Breakfast**


  *Croissanterie Pigalle:* Croissants, warm sandwiches, and coffee. Location: Stoeldraaierstraat 17. Map: [http://bit.ly/hFc9GN](http://bit.ly/hFc9GN). Phone: +31 (0)503137887. Hours: Monday 10:00am–6:00pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00am–6:00pm, Thursday 8:00am–7:00pm, Friday and Saturday 8:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am–5:00pm. Menu: [http://www.croissanteriepigalle.nl/menu.html](http://www.croissanteriepigalle.nl/menu.html). Cost: Warm sandwich €5.

  *Coffee Company:* Coffee and pre-prepared food. Location: Oude Ebinggestraat 39. Map: [http://bit.ly/gn8u4z](http://bit.ly/gn8u4z). Phone: +31 (0)503184868. Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am–6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am–6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am–6:00pm. Note: Ask about Free Wifi with purchase.

  *Simon Levelt:* Coffee. Location: Zwanestraat 38. Map: [http://bit.ly/gKYrPY](http://bit.ly/gKYrPY). Phone: +31 (0)503114333. Hours: Monday 1:00pm–6:00pm, Thursday and Wednesday 9:30am–6:00pm, Thursday 9:30am–9:00pm, Friday 9:30am–6:00pm, Saturday 9:30am–5:00pm.

- **Restaurants (Not All Open on Monday)**


Land van Kokanje: Dutch. Location: Oude Boteringestraat 9. Map: http://bit.ly/gFzNpf. +31 (0)503180622. Hours: Monday through Wednesday 11:30am–3:00pm for lunch and 5:30pm–9:00pm for dinner, Thursday through Sunday 11:30am–4:00pm for lunch and 5:00pm–9:30pm for dinner. Cost: Lunch main course €8–€15, dinner main course €19–€26.

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• Bars


Banking

There are three bank offices located in the Groningen city center.


In addition, a Rabobank cash machine (ATM) is located in the city center across from the main academic building (Academiegebouw) at the intersection of Academieplein, Poststraat, and Broerstraat (map: http://bit.ly/g7ujIi).

Medical

For emergency medical services, dial 112.

• Hospital

The hospital closest to the Groningen city center is the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), located northeast of the city center at Hanzeplein 1. Web: http://umcg.nl. Map: http://bit.ly/hkoM46.

• Pharmacies


Apotheek Venema. Location: A-Kerkhof 17-19. Map: http://bit.ly/ewELkA. Phone: +31 (0)503184284. Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am–6:00pm, Saturday 11:00am–4:00pm.
Cultural Info


Things to See


Shopping

Shops are generally open Monday 1:00pm–6:00pm and Tuesday through Saturday 9:00am–6:00pm, though many shops remain open on Thursday until 9:00pm. **V&D** (location: Grote Markt 21, map: [http://bit.ly/etMbKt](http://bit.ly/etMbKt)) is a large clothing store. The main shopping street in Groningen is Herestraat (map: [http://bit.ly/hJoUyt](http://bit.ly/hJoUyt)).

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