

The Application of Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) in Language Testing Research, 8-9 November, 2010 Prague, Czech Republic

Practical Information

Venue

The course will take place at the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies, Charles University in Prague (ÚJOP UK), Vratislavova Street 13, Prague, Czech Republic.

Currency

The currency in the Czech Republic is the Czech Crown (koruna česká). Exchange rates are as follows: €1 = approx. 25 CZK; £1 = approx. 30 CZK; \$1 = approx. 20 CZK. When changing money at the airport, use the ATMs in the arrivals hall to get Czech Crowns rather than changing money at the airport exchange offices, since the latter are not good value.

Transportation from Prague Airport (Ruzyně)

- by public transport:

Unfortunately there is no direct subway or train connection to the city. You will need to take a bus. You should buy a ticket before travelling; you can do this at a newsagent's in the arrival hall or at ticket machines at the bus stop. Tickets cost 26 CZK (Czech Crowns) and must be punched upon entering the first means of transportation, i.e. bus in this case. The 26 CZK ticket for public transport is a transferable ticket allowing you to travel for a 75-minute period by any means of public transport in Prague, i.e. underground, buses, trams. (The Czech word for underground is 'metro').

If you are arriving late and all shops are closed and/or ticket machines are not available, you can buy a ticket from the bus driver but please note that the price is 30 CZK and large banknotes are not accepted.

Bus no. 100 to Metro B Zličín, intervals of 15 to 30 minutes, travel time 18 minutes; then change to the underground, line B, and get off at the stop Náměstí Republiky. Use the exit at the back of the train. It is then about a 2-minute walk to the Paříž Hotel and the hotels in Rybná Street. Metro B Zličín is the final stop of the underground as well as for bus no. 100. The timetable for bus no. 100 is available at: http://jrportal.dpp.cz/DataFTP/JRPortalData/299/20100104/299_629_62Z.pdf

Bus no. 225 to Metro B Stodůlky, limited service, travel time 40 minutes; then change to the underground, line B, and get off at the stop Náměstí Republiky.

Bus no. 179 to Metro B Nové Butovice, intervals of 12 to 30 minutes, travel time 40 minutes; then change to the underground, line B, and get off at the stop Náměstí Republiky.

For further information, including the night service, go to: <http://www.pragueairport.co.uk/public-transport.htm>

For more information about public transport in Prague, go to:

<http://www.dpp.cz/doprava-po-praze>

- by taxi:

Prices start at 490 CZK. Please use registered taxis only – see

<http://www.pragueairport.co.uk/taxi.htm> or <http://www.prague-airport-transfers.co.uk>.

Further details about Prague Airport can be found at <http://www.pragueairport.co.uk>.

Transportation from the main train station (Praha - hlavní nádraží)

- by public transport:

Take the underground (line C, direction Letňany), change at Florenc (1 stop) to line B, direction Zličín and get off at the next station called Náměstí Republiky. Use the exit at the front of the train. It's then about a 2-minute walk to the Paříž Hotel and the hotels in Rybná Street. Remember to buy a ticket before travelling. You can do this at ticket machines on the ground floor, or at a newsagent's. Since the journey from Praha - hlavní nádraží to Náměstí Republiky is not too long, the 18 CZK ticket is enough (time limited to 30 minutes). The Czech word for underground is 'metro'.

For more information about Prague public transport in Prague, go to:

<http://www.dpp.cz/doprava-po-praze>

- by taxi:

Taxis can be booked on the phone

(<http://czech-transport.com/index.php?id=233>) or taken from the taxi stand in front of Fantova kavárna on the top floor (follow yellow signs on Platform 1).

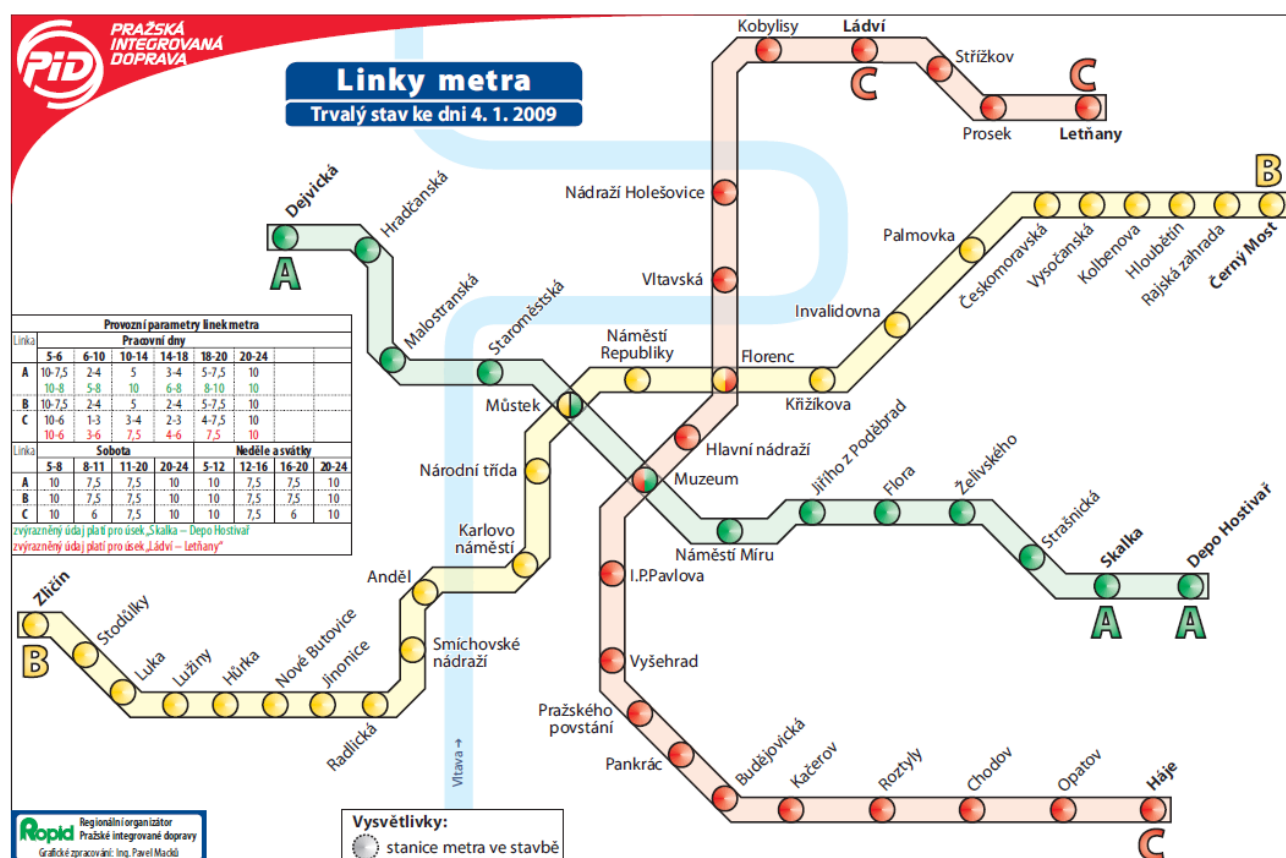
Further details about Prague's main train station can be found at:

<http://czech-transport.com/index.php?id=419>.

- by car:

Please check at Google maps for the best route to your hotel. Note that some parts of the Old Town are pedestrian zones only. Parking at the hotels is not possible, though hotels offer parking services in public garages, about 800 CZK per day.

The Prague metro system



Accommodation

Charles University in Prague has been able to agree a special rate for ALTE delegates at the **5-star Hotel Paris (Paříž)** (<http://www.hotel-paris.cz/>), as well as the **4-star Hotel Astoria** (www.hotelastoria.cz), and the **3-star Central Hotel** (www.central-prague.com).

Rates at the Hotel Paris (Paříž) are 100 EUR for a Deluxe Double Room (single or double use), and 140 EUR for an Executive Room. **These rates are guaranteed until 1st October 2010**; after this date rooms may no longer be available at this rate. The address is: U Obecního domu 1, 110 00 Prague 1. (Tel: +420 222 195 195).

Rates at the Hotel Astoria range from 60 to 76 EUR (please see booking form) and are **guaranteed until 15th October 2010**. The address is: Rybná Street 10, 110 00 Prague 1. (Tel: +420 221 775 711).

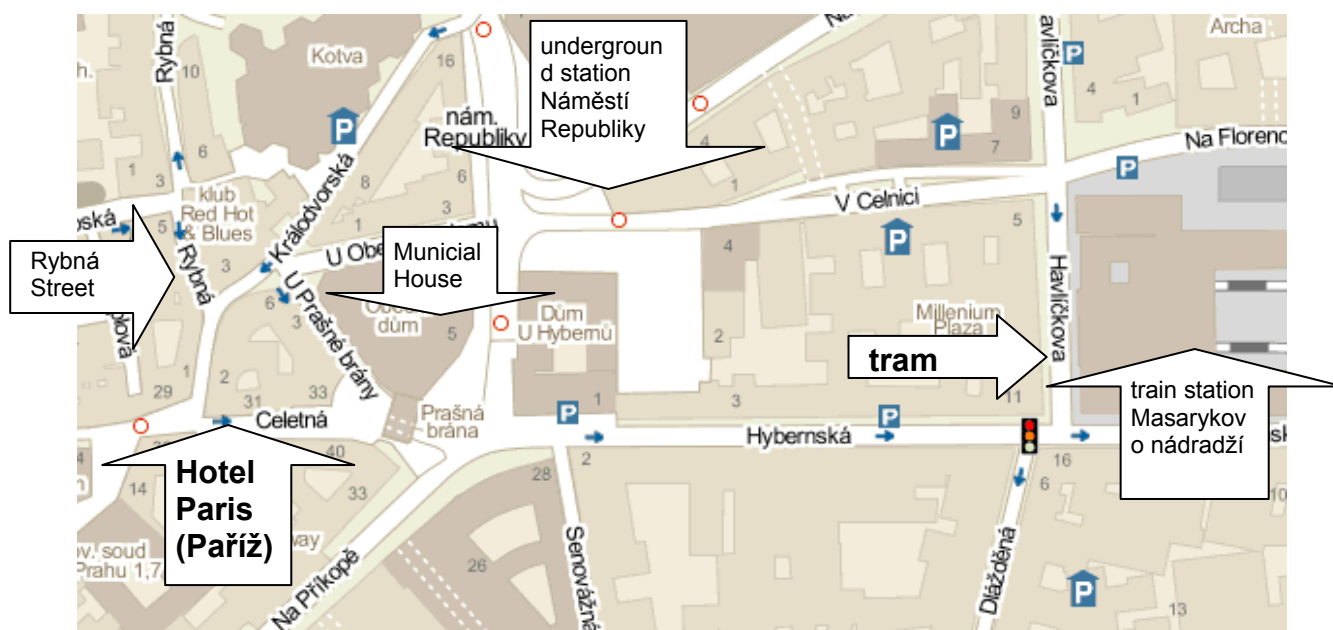
Rates at the Central Hotel are 49 EUR for a double room, and 42 EUR for a double room single use and are **guaranteed until 15th October 2010**. The address is: Rybná Street 8, 110 00 Prague 1. (Tel: +420 222 317 220).

Please book directly with the hotel using the appropriate reservation form on the ALTE website.

How to get to the course venue from the Hotel Paris (Paříž) and the hotels in Rybná Street:

The easiest way is to take tram no. 3 from Masarykovo nádraží to Výtoň, which is the 9th stop. The ride takes about 15 minutes and you do not need to change. Remember to buy a ticket before travelling and punch it upon entering the tram. Since the journey is not too long, the 18 CZK ticket is enough. You can also take the underground from Náměstí Republiky stop (line B) to Karlovo náměstí (3rd stop in the direction of Zličín), use the exit towards Palackého náměstí and take tram no. 3, 7, 16, 17 or 18 to Výtoň, which is the first stop after Palackého náměstí. You will need a 26 CZK ticket and you have to punch it upon entering the underground station.

Masarykovo nádraží – tram stop:



How to get from Výtoň to Vratislavova 13:



Tram 3 schedule is available at

<http://idos.dpp.cz/IDOS/LinesRes.aspx?tt=pid&ttInd=1&Line=402&Date=23.8.2010&DateAll=&Mask=3&pars=1&tm=-4094&pg=1>

Tram 3 route:

