

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

About the conference

The international conference "Raḥma. Muslim and Christian Studies in Mercy" will be held in Rome (Italy) from the 13th to the 15th October 2016.

The event is organised by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies – PISAI; it will start on Thursday the 13th October in the afternoon and will close on Saturday the 15th October, in the evening. Conference venue is the Urbaniana University (via Urbano VIII, 16, 00165 Roma)

Registration

The online registration form is available [here](#). Please register before **30th September 2016**.

Accommodation

Participants are invited to make their own hotel arrangements. A list of suggested accommodation is provided (see **List of hotels PISAI 2016**). As Rome is a very busy city and October is a high season period, we recommend early booking and online research in order to find more convenient offers. All the suggested hotels are located within maximum 20 minutes walking distance from the conference venue.

Travel

Participants are invited to make their own travel arrangements. Practical information on how to reach the venue and how to reach Rome from the city's airports are provided in the file **Logistics PISAI 2016**.

Useful information

Climate: In autumn the weather in Rome is variable with rainy and sunny days and temperatures from 10 to 25 degrees. For detailed information on the weather in Rome please click [here](#).

Pickpockets: Rome is a very busy city. As for all places where tourists gather, be aware of pickpockets, especially on public transportation and in touristic areas.

Currency: The Italian currency is Euro. You can change money in numerous exchange offices (in the Airport or in Termini train station).

General information about Rome

Rome (*Italian: Roma*)

Rome is the capital and largest city of Italy and of the Lazio (Latium) region. The historic centre of the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With wonderful palaces, very old churches and basilicas, grand romantic ruins, opulent monuments, ornate statues and graceful fountains, Rome has an immensely rich historical heritage and cosmopolitan atmosphere, making it one of Europe's and the world's most visited, famous, influential and beautiful capitals.

Situated on the river Tiber, between the Apennine mountains and the Tyrrhenian Sea, the "Eternal City" was once the administrative centre of the mighty Roman Empire, governing a vast region that stretched all the way from Britain to Mesopotamia. Today, it remains the seat of the Italian government and home to numerous ministerial offices. Rome has 2.6 million inhabitants while its metropolitan area is home to around 4.2 million.

Architecturally and culturally, Rome has some contrasts - you have areas with huge majestic palaces, avenues and basilicas, surrounded by tiny alleyways, little churches and old houses. The historical centre of Rome is mainly ancient and modern buildings are usually concentrated outside the city walls. You may also find yourself walking from a grand palace and tree-lined elegant boulevard, into a small and cramped Medieval-like street.