

IREC/IWPLMS OSLO 2026: Practical information

Conference venue: Fafo, Borggata 2B, Oslo

The conference takes place at Fafo's offices in Grønland, Oslo. Registration opens at 11:00 on Wednesday 16 September 2026 and takes place in the Annexe, the building to the right of the main entrance.

Plenary sessions are held in the auditorium in the Annexe.

Parallel sessions are held both in the Annexe (meeting rooms Sør and Nord, and the auditorium) and in the main building (meeting rooms Styrerommet and Machiavelli).

Lunch is served in the Annexe on Wednesday and Friday, and in the main building (Fafo's staff canteen) on Thursday.

Getting to Fafo

On foot: 15–20 minutes from Oslo Central Station (Oslo S).

Public transport: Several options nearby. The closest is the bus 37 stop "Politihuset", a 2-minute walk. The metro stations "Grønland" and "Tøyen" are both 5–10 minutes away on foot, and the bus stops "Munkegata" (buses 34 and 74) and "Oslogate" (buses 100, 110 and 37) are around 5 minutes away.

By taxi: Ask for Borggata 2B, Grønland — up the road from Grønlandsleiret and Grønland church. The entrance is on the left, just before the last barrier in front of the police headquarters.

Tickets for public transport

We recommend downloading the Ruter app to plan journeys and buy tickets. Tickets are also sold at Narvesen, 7-Eleven and Mix kiosks, and at the service points in the metro stations in central Oslo. Tickets cannot be bought on board trams or the metro.

Social programme

Reception, 16 September 2026

Fafo invites all participants to an informal reception at Fafo, Borggata 2B, on 16 September, 18:00–20:00. Finger food and drinks will be served.

Guided walk – 17 September 2026, 17:15

Organised by the Oslo City Museum we will have a walk through the area which by some are called the cradle of the industrial revolution in Norway.

Right through the city runs a river a distance of 9,8 km from an altitude of 150 meters above sea-level down to the sea. Twenty waterfalls along the way have given power to many water-driven mills: grain mills, sawmills, and paper mills throughout the centuries.

But it was only after Great Britain opened its trade with industrial machinery during the 1840s that Industries of any size were established in Norway. The textile industry established a strong cluster along this river initially basing the energy on water-driven mills.

We will start right between two of the largest textile factories from that time. Many of the original buildings are still there, and we will walk the last two miles of the river down to the centre of Oslo.

This journey will offer us a chance to see fragments of political, social and economic history, which together gives us an insight to Oslo's industrial past.

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Those who wish to join the walk can sign up at the conference registration desk. Participation is free of charge, and there are up to 50 places available.

The walk starts at the Workers' Museum (Arbeidermuseet), Sagveien 28 at 17:15.

Travelling there together: For those going directly from the conference, we will arrange a group departure by bus. Please note that you will need a valid ticket for the journey.

Travelling there on your own:

- **Bus 34** towards Tåsen runs from Munkegata, the stop nearest Fafo, to **Evald Ryghs gate**, with no changes along the way. The same bus can be picked up at Jernbanetorget, outside the shopping mall Oslo City, if you come from the city centre. From Evald Ryghs gate it is about an 8-minute walk east, down towards the river, to Sagveien 28.
- Alternatively, take **tram 12 or 15** from Jernbanetorget (Oslo Central Station) platform C towards Kjelsås and get off at **Biermanns gate**, or **tram 18** from Jernbanetorget platform E towards Grefsen stasjon. All trams are roughly a 10-minute ride.

The walk finishes at Youngstorget, a short distance from the venue for the conference dinner.

Conference Dinner, 17. September 2026

Thursday 17 September, 19:00

Venue: Byens Tak, Folketeateret, 12th floor

The venue is entered from Folketeaterpassasjen, a covered arcade running between Youngstorget and Storgata. The arcade can be entered from either end, but the door to Byens Tak is at the Youngstorget end. Note that the lift only goes as far as the 11th floor; continue up one flight of stairs from there.

[Folketeaterpassasjen – Google Maps](#)

Doors open at 18:45.

The guided walk on Thursday finishes at Youngstorget, a short distance from the venue.

The dinner is for registered participants only. Please bring your name badge for registration at the entrance.