

**Multicultural Futures Conference**  
**Monash University Centre in Prato, Italy**  
**22- 23 September 2004**

**INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES**

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Monash University Centre in Prato</b> First floor of the Palazzo Vaj, 26 Via Pugliesi, Prato, Italy Tel. + 39 0574 436921 Fax. +39 0574 436923
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>TUESDAY 21 September 2004</b> <b>6.00 – 7.30 pm</b>  A welcome reception will be held at Monash University Centre in Prato, Terrazzo. Delegates will also be able to register on the night.
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 22 September 2004</b> <b>8.30 – 9.00 am</b> Registration desk will be located at the main entrance of the Monash University Centre in Prato.
<b>SESSION TIMES</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 22 September 2004</b> <b>9.00 am – 5.30 pm</b> <b>THURSDAY 23 September 2004</b> <b>9.00 am – 4.00 pm</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Changes or updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the Multicultural Futures Conference website at  <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/Multicultural_Futures/">http://www.monash.edu.au/cmo/Multicultural_Futures/</a>
<b>NAME TAGS</b>	Delegates are asked to wear their Conference nametag at all times.
<b>MESSAGES</b>	Messages for delegates will be left on the bulletin board next to the Conference Secretariat and Registration Desk.
<b>CATERING</b>	Morning/Afternoon teas and lunches will be served at the Monash University Centre in Prato.

## **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Conference Dinner will be held on 22 September 2004 at 8.00 pm

## **PRATO**

Prato is located at the centre of the northern part of Tuscany, some 20 minutes from Florence by train. Other major art cities nearby include Pisa, Lucca and Siena. Prato is a walled medieval city with rich historical and artistic attractions. The greater city of Prato has 170 000 inhabitants and is famous for its wool textile industry.

The Monash University Centre is located within the walled city and housed in the Palazzo Vaj.

## **TRANSPORT TO PRATO**

Please visit the following web site that gives you detailed instructions of getting to Monash University Prato Center whether it is on foot, by car or train. Just click on this link <http://www.ita.monash.edu/getting.html>.

### **By Plane**

Florence airport (Aeroporto Amerigo Vespucci di Firenze) is located between Prato and Florence, and is around 10 kilometers from the Monash Prato Centre. There are direct flights to Florence from most major European cities especially intercontinental hubs. Travelers from outside Italy can fly to international airports in Rome, Milan, or Bologna, or in some cases, to airports at Pisa or Florence.

### **By Train**

Florence's Santa Maria Novella station is the main rail node from the rest of Italy and Europe. The Galilei from Paris and the Italia Express from Frankfurt stop at Santa Maria Novella. However, the pendolino, Italy's express "bullet" train, stops at the Firenze Rifredi station.

Two train routes connect Florence to Prato, the Firenze-Bologna and the Firenze-Lucca-Viareggio. The train journey between Florence and Prato takes 20 to 30 minutes. The Monash Prato Centre is 10 minutes walk from Prato's Stazione Centrale.

### **By Bus**

A local bus service provides transport around the greater city and regular connections to Florence.

## **CURRENCY**

The monetary unit used in Italy from 2002, as for all Europe, is the "Euro." Foreign currency or travelers' cheques can be freely exchanged at banks, hotels and airports. Automatic teller

machines are located in central locations in Prato and Florence and Credit Cards are readily acceptable at most restaurants, shops and all conference hotels.

## **VISAS**

All foreign visitors entering Italy must be in possession of a current passport or other travel documents endorsed and valid for Italy. For every few foreign nationality an entry visa is required, if you do not require a visa, please contact the closest Italian Embassy or Consulate. Australian passport holders do not require a Visa.

## **CLIMATE**

The weather in northern Italy in early September is usually a pleasant autumn average of 22°C. Delegates are advised that, on occasions, greater variations occur and provision for both cooler and much warmer temperatures is advised. Evenings are usually cooler, approximately 11°C on average.

## **INCIDENTAL EXPENSES**

Conference organisers and the Conference Management Office will not be responsible for any incidental expenses incurred by delegates during the Conference.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on 61 3 9905 1344 or mobile 0408 512 783

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