1. Transportation to and from Salamanca
   a. If you are traveling from Madrid-Barajas International Airport to Salamanca, you will have a couple options available to you. Keep in mind that this information is subject to change. We suggest purchasing tickets for bus or train travel ahead of time from each company’s website.
      i. You can take a bus from Terminals 1 and 4 with bus operator Avanza. Those already in Madrid can also take buses from Estación Sur de Autobuses (C. de Méndez Álvaro, 83, 28045 Madrid, Spain).
      ii. You can take the Madrid Metro from Terminal 4 at the airport to Madrid Chamartín station and travel by rail to Salamanca with Renfe.

2. Cell Phone Data and Wi-Fi
   a. In Spain and other parts of Europe, your cell phone data will more than likely continue to work – although at a much higher cost than usual.
   b. There are several options for ensuring that your cell phone functions as you need it to while in Spain.
      i. eSIM – An electronic SIM card (eSim for short) is a small piece of software that you download to your phone so that you can use data from telephone providers in foreign countries. They are as simple as downloading an app and purchasing data. Normally you purchase packages of 1 to 5 GB for a certain period (usually a week or a month). These rates tend to be much lower than for international data plans with American providers like AT&T or Verizon.
      ii. American Carrier International Plan – Often you’ll be charged daily or monthly to access data. For example, Verizon will charge $10 per day for unlimited data with large restrictions on speed and geographic availability.
      iii. Wi-Fi – Wi-Fi is easy to find in Spain, especially in urban areas like Madrid and Salamanca. There are numerous coffee shops and restaurants that offer complimentary Wi-Fi for customers. Many transportation hubs such as airports and train stations also offer free Wi-Fi. On location at the conference, the university Wi-Fi will be available.

3. Electrical Outlets
   a. In Continental Europe, a different form of electrical outlet is used. Rather than the 3 and 2-prong outlets used in the United States, a type of 2-pronged outlet (shown below) is used.
   b. You will have to purchase an adaptor for your electronics to plug them into an outlet and use them in Spain.
c. Outlets in Spain also have a different voltage (220 v) from those in the United States (110 v), therefore you will need to purchase a transformer/converter to use some electronics. Your computer-based electronics such as a laptop or cell phone likely work with both voltages; however, devices like hair dryers or electric shavers may need transformers or they’ll be “fried.”

4. Passports, Entry Requirements, etc.
   a. You will need to have an up-to-date passport to enter the European Union. This means that your passport expires no earlier than **6 months from your departure (from U.S.) date.** Once you have entered the block, you can travel between countries without having to pass through customs.
   b. As of November 2022, Spain has dropped all COVID-19 related entry requirements. However, the country still asks that travelers from outside the European Union travel with either proof of vaccination administered within 270 days, proof of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure, proof of a negative rapid antigen test taken within 24 hours of departure, or proof they contracted COVID-19 and recovered within 180 days.