

We are thrilled you will be joining us for UDC 2025 and look forward to seeing you at the University of Washington Tacoma from June 19 - 22! **The conference will take place in the Cherry Parkes Building on the University of Washington, Tacoma campus** ([click here for a map of the UWT campus](#)). In preparation for our conference, you'll find below initial logistical details for you to review carefully. If you have any questions please get in touch with us at support@democraticcomm.org.

You can find the conference program [at this link](#).

Registration. Please go to our Easychair conference page to register for the conference: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=udc2025>. The registration fee is all-inclusive of conference registration, your membership fee (which lasts until the next UDC conference), coffee and snacks throughout the conference, lunch at the business meeting, a Thursday evening reception, and a closing reception on Saturday evening which will include dinner.

1. After logging in with your Easychair account, you should see a "Register" heading, with a "start registration" link beneath it.
2. At the top right of the next page you will see a link to "register yourself." Follow the on-screen instructions, and see below for the fees of different registration tiers.
 - **Full-time and tenure-line faculty:**
 - Early bird: \$360, which will last until May 1
 - Regular rate: \$390, from May 2 through June 5
 - Late registration: \$410, from June 6 through the conference
 - **Students, part-time faculty, and activists:**
 - Early bird: \$210, which will last until May 1.
 - Regular rate: \$230, from May 2 through June 5
 - Late registration: \$250 from June 6 through the conference
 - **Sustaining Registration:**
 - \$425: You can support the long-term sustainability of UDC by registering at a 'Sustaining' rate if you are able

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- Cancellations requested **on or before June 11** will receive a full refund, minus a \$10 administrative fee (to partially recoup Easychair registration fees).
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made **after June 12**.

Lodging and directions. We have reserved two blocks of rooms close to the University of Washington, Tacoma. Both conference hotels are walking distance to the conference venue and are about a half-hour from the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. For anyone driving from the airport, take I-5 South to Tacoma and take the exit 133. There's also an easy public transport option to get to Tacoma - [the 574 Southbound to Lakewood](#) will bring you to the Tacoma Dome Station. From there, you might take the light rail, a taxi, or bus ride to the conference or your hotel.

- [Courtyard Tacoma Downtown](#) (\$179.00 per night, Thursday, June 19 through Monday, June 23). To receive the special conference rate, please book as soon as possible; the block will be bookable until May 8.
- [Marriott Tacoma Downtown](#) (\$169.00 per night, Thursday, June 19 through Sunday, June 22). To receive the special conference rate, please book as soon as possible; the block will be bookable until May 15.

In the event the conference hotels sell out or you're just looking for some other places to stay, here are three hotels that might be of interest:

- [Hotel Murano](#): also a short walking distance from the conference but pricier with an excellent bar and restaurant.
- [McMenamins Elks Temple](#): McMenamins is a PNW staple, with bars, breweries, and hotels in reclaimed buildings through the PNW. This one is a reclaimed Masonic lodge, with multiple restaurants/bars (including a hidden one you'll have to find). It sometimes hosts concerts in its venue, the Spanish Ballroom. A longer walk or quick ride on the light rail to the conference.
- [Silver Cloud Hotel](#): located about two miles from the conference venue, this hotel has excellent water views of Commencement Bay

Finally, for anyone looking for house rentals, etc., your best bets will be in the North End, the Stadium District, or the West End but will likely require taxis, rideshares, or a rental vehicle. Otherwise, the best advice for folks looking for places to stay is look for spots north of S. 38th Street and west of Portland Avenue.

Adjustments and Program-Building. We may reach out individually with any questions or adjustments pertaining to specific authors or panels (for example, adding people to smaller proposed panels).

Guidelines for Presentations:

- Conference sessions will be around 90 minutes in length, so presenters are encouraged to keep their talks between 12 - 15 minutes. This should leave time for a robust Q&A session at the end of each session.
- Each session will self-select a session chair who will keep time and moderate the Q&A session
- Presenters should be sure to bring a thumb drive with their presentation, and may need to bring adapters to ensure their tech connects to the presentation set-up

Travel Grants. We are hoping to be able to provide some amount of travel grant funding. Decisions about this will be made soon and the Steering Committee will let you know if we are able to do so.

- If you would like to submit a request for travel assistance, please complete the UDC 2025 Travel Grant Request form here: <https://forms.gle/T2RBwspEW8gTbkx78>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at support@democraticcomm.org. We look forward to seeing you at UDC 2025!

Best regards,

UDC Steering Committee and the UDC Local Organizing Committee