



a guide to columbia global center spaces

Access, amenities and services at Columbia University's
gateways to the world

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overview

Introducing the Columbia Global Centers | Columbia University's physical and intellectual gateway to the world. Located in 11 cities across four continents, the centers are a manifestation of Columbia's commitment to leverage the remarkable scholarship, expertise, and resources of the university to help address the world's most complex challenges while fostering intellectual endeavors in ways that inspire, surprise, and challenge.

Each center location, chosen with the needs of the Columbia community in mind, acts as a local hub for purpose-driven education, research, public engagement, and collaboration. Every year, they support hundreds of cross-disciplinary programs, from public health to arts and culture, engaging thousands of faculty, students, partners, alumni and community members.

They are more than places—they are platforms for impact and gateways to shared understanding. And while unique in culture and character according to their location, the centers are united in pursuing knowledge and growth for a greater good.

Within the walls of the Global Centers are inspiring spaces for workshops, conferences, study, writing and reflection. On the following pages, you will find an overview of what each center has to offer and how it might support your work, whether helping to convene local partners around an initiative, forging links to local research and policy communities, supporting long-term research and educational programs—or just offering you a quiet place to meet and work.



columbia global centers amman

Location and Space Columbia Global Centers | Amman is headquartered in the residential area of Dabouq, an area located a convenient 20-minute drive west of Amman's center, and a 35-minute drive from the airport. It is a stately 47,000-square-foot, two-floor building with an interior courtyard, suitable for hosting networking events and receptions during the warmer seasons. The building houses an auditorium, 3 seminar rooms, 2 conference rooms, an exhibition space (27.25x21.65 ft.), staff offices, a library, and a dining hall that can seat up to 100 people. The Center also has video conferencing capabilities that can be configured for classrooms, conference rooms, or the auditorium.

How the Spaces Have Been Used We offer a range of versatile, multifunctional spaces to suit diverse needs. Our auditorium is perfect for lectures, talks, and conferences, while our seminar rooms are ideal for training, workshops, and break-out sessions. Panel discussions and roundtables can be hosted at our Center, in addition to symposiums and conventions while meetings can be held in our lounge. Our exhibition area is well-suited for displays, and our courtyard is excellent for receptions and networking events. Our video conferencing capabilities and AV equipment can help facilitate hosting classes, research workshops, dissemination events, and more. Furthermore, our staff offices, library, and dining hall can be available for different purposes to meet specific requirements.

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amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 7 Private offices for visitors
- 3 Shared staff offices
- 10 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Auditorium (up to 110 ppl)
- 1 Theater style seminar room (50 ppl)
- 1 U-shaped seminar room (24 ppl)
- 2 Conference rooms (15 ppl)
- 1 Courtyard

Other Amenities

- Reception area
- Dining hall (up to 100 ppl)
- Library
- Lounge
- Exhibition space

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columbia global centers beijing

Location and Space Columbia Global Centers | Beijing is located in the Haidian district, a burgeoning area in the upper west of the city. The prime location offers close proximity to esteemed Chinese universities, including Peking University and Tsinghua University, as well as the renowned Zhongguancun area, often referred to as China's Silicon Valley. The center also enjoys adjacency to significant cultural landmarks such as the Summer Palace, an exemplar of Chinese landscape garden design.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The Center's 5,000-square-foot, two-floor facility features a dedicated event space suited for conferences, lectures, roundtables, receptions, performances, gatherings, and special events, providing capacity for up to 100 people. Equipped with conference audiovisual systems, this space ensures a seamless and impactful experience for participants. On the second floor, the Center offers a range of amenities to facilitate productive work and engagement. This includes two independent offices, six individual work desks, a comfortable lounge area, a small conference room with a capacity of 50, and a gallery area. The gallery space, in particular, can be utilized for art exhibitions as well as breaks and discussions, accommodating up to 30 individuals.

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amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 6 Workstations for visitors
- 2 Private offices for visitors
- 4 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Multi-functional room (up to 100 ppl)
- 1 Small conference room (up to 50 ppl)
- 1 Gallery area (up to 30 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Lounge area
- Café area
- Reception area

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columbia global centers istanbul

Location and Spaces The Center's office is located in Istanbul's central and historic district of Taksim square, 50-minute drive away from the city's both airports, on half a floor of a turn-of-the-century building characterized by its elegant facade and high ceilings. The office space is 3,229 square feet and can be utilized in two distinct ways. One area can be dedicated to daily office work while the other (about 1/3 of the space) can be utilized for workshops, seminars, and lectures for up to 30 people and receptions for up to 100 people. The Center is able to accommodate one or two faculty members or fellows working on a part-time basis.

In addition to the above, the Center maintains a strong network throughout Turkey that affords Columbia with access to free or low-rent university auditoriums and lecture spaces, as well as foundation venues with auditoriums. The Center can also create partnerships with local institutions to provide academic space for research. Hotels provide an additional venue option for events, though more costly.

How the Spaces Have Been Used Our multi-functional conference room has been used for workshops on various topics, conferences that concentrate on the Center's five themes, and closed roundtable discussions. The room has also been used for public and closed lectures, small group sessions, short screenings and study and research space for visiting Columbia faculty and students.

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amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 3 Shared staff offices
- 2 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Multi-functional conference room (15-50 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Small kitchen

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columbia global centers mumbai

Location and Spaces The Columbia Global Centers | Mumbai is located in Nariman Point, the city's premier business district, and is also close to the historical and cultural center of South Mumbai. The space covers approximately 4,300 sq. ft. with a large space for convening that can house 100 people or be divided into two classroom spaces accommodating 75 and 25 participants.

How the Spaces Have Been Used Our event space, adorned with panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the iconic Mumbai skyline, can accommodate discussions, workshops, and roundtable sessions aligned with the Center's thematic focus. The space can also be used as a venue for public lectures, seminars, group sessions, and screenings. The conference room with seating for sixteen is equipped with multimedia capabilities and is suited for intimate roundtable discussions, presentations, and meetings. The center also has a dedicated space to accommodate catering needs. For more information, visit the Mumbai Center's website.

columbia global centers | mumbai

amenities at a glance

The background of the slide features a detailed architectural floor plan of the Columbia Global Centers Mumbai facility. The plan shows a large central hall with a long table and chairs, labeled '02'. To the left, there are smaller rooms labeled '04' and '05'. To the right, there are more rooms labeled '01', '06', and '07'. Dimensions are marked throughout the plan, such as 1700, 1280, 1100, 3815, 3060, 4565, 9010, 2305, 3575, 3550, 4475, 6905, 1455, 805, 3500, 7120, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100. The plan also shows an 'UP' staircase and a 'Serv' area.

Work Spaces

- 2 Private offices for visitors
- 2 Private staff offices
- 10 Workstations for staff

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Events room (90-100 ppl)
- 1 Conference room (16 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Dining area
- Reception area
- Lounge

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columbia global centers nairobi



Location and Spaces The Columbia Global Centers | Nairobi is located in the prestigious Westlands area, which is easily accessible from the city center and close to other key offices such as the United Nations complex and the American Embassy. The Center is located in a 4,600 square feet space has 3 meeting rooms and can accommodate small workshops and training activities.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The Center's large gathering space has been used to hold public forums and training workshops on pressing issues on climate change, conservation, health, food security and youth empowerment. The conference rooms at Nairobi Center provide a serene environment, ideal for productive planning meetings and brainstorming sessions. Throughout the summer, the Center's additional workspaces have provided a haven for Columbia students, offering a quiet refuge for focused private studies and in-depth research projects centered around our region. More information can be found on the Nairobi Center's website.

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amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 14 Workstations for visitors
- 3 Shared staff offices
- 3 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Conference room (15 ppl)
- 1 Conference room (10 ppl)
- 1 Large gathering space (40 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Breakroom
- Reception / Lounge area

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columbia global centers paris

Location and Space The Paris Center is located at historic Reid Hall in a residential neighborhood of the famed Montparnasse district. The original structure, a former porcelain factory, dates back to the early 1750s. Two other buildings were added to the property in 1912, thus the site now comprises three interconnected four-story buildings.

The total usable space of Reid Hall is 23,000 square feet, with an additional 9,000 square feet of gardens. The Chevreuse building, the oldest of the spaces, houses Columbia Global Centers | Paris, member academic programs, administrative offices, state-of-the-art classrooms, an architecture studio, a library, and a studio apartment for visiting faculty. The Grande Salle building houses a green room, a recording studio for podcasts and interviews, and a large lecture hall, newly inaugurated as the Grande Salle Ginsberg-LeClerc, which seats up to 120 people.

The newly-modernized Institute building includes the Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination, a large conference room (Salle de Conférence) which seats up to 80 people, a catering kitchen, and a café (La Caféthèque).

Finally, two additional pavilions lining the gardens are used as classrooms and offices. Thanks to funds from Columbia University and private donors, the entire facility will have been fully renovated by the end of 2023.



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How the Spaces Have Been Used The Grande Salle Ginsberg-LeClerc and Salle de Conférence, two convertible conference rooms, are used to host free public programming by Columbia Global Centers | Paris and the Institute for Ideas and Imagination. Other Reid Hall members and institutional partners use them as a venue for conferences, workshops, classes, student events, and more. Event participants such as musicians and speakers use the green room, which can also serve as a small meeting room for staff. Catered events utilize the catering kitchen or the café's "open bar." Reid Hall regularly welcomes Columbia faculty visitors and esteemed guests, who are housed in the residential studio free of charge.

From time to time, alums, faculty, or other friends of Reid Hall pay a nightly fee. The shared classrooms are used by the Columbia Undergraduate Programs, M.A. in History and Literature, GSAPP Shape of Two Cities Program. Other study abroad programs housed at Reid Hall either have their own dedicated classrooms or reserve a shared classroom. These rooms can also serve as break-out rooms for conferences and other events.

The recording studio is used to produce the Reid Hall podcast Atelier. Other Reid Hall members are charged a fee for its use. The Reid Hall staff, students, faculty, and fellows convene regularly and informally in shared spaces such as the café, garden, courtyard, and lounges, creating a convivial community atmosphere. Offices are reserved for members. One or two small offices are reserved for faculty visitors and partners.

columbia global centers | paris amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 4 Workstations for visitors
- 3 Shared staff offices
- 8 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Convertible conference room (up to 120 ppl)
- 1 Convertible conference room (up to 80 ppl)
- 1 Shared classroom
- 3 Garden areas with tables and chairs
- 1 Seminar room
- 2 Floors of additional office

Other Amenities

- Café area
- Catering kitchen
- Green room
- Residential studio
- Library
- Recording studio
- Kitchen area for Fellows

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columbia global centers rio de janeiro

Location and Space The Center operates in 3,000 square feet of newly renovated office space in an Art Deco building in the heart of Rio's historic downtown. The Center is minutes from the downtown airport, close to transportation, and within walking distance of churches and public places of enormous historic importance. It is on the third floor of a 14-story building that is the headquarters of the Commercial Association of Rio de Janeiro.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The office has one large reception and lounge area, where friends and guests meet before meetings and/or events. The office has a small cafe area, three private offices, two shared offices, one classroom, and one conference room. Two extra auditoriums are available in the building when the center needs to host a bigger event. Serving as a crucial nexus between the university and Latin America, this center has since become a bustling hub of academic and cultural exchange. Beyond merely a space for research, the center's versatile rooms and facilities are frequently transformed to host a diverse array of events, ranging from academic seminars and workshops to community outreach programs

columbia global centers | rio de janeiro

amenities at a glance

A detailed architectural floor plan of the Columbia Global Centers Rio de Janeiro building. The plan shows various rooms and areas, including a large auditorium (top left), a small auditorium (top right), a conference room (middle right), a classroom (bottom right), a reception area (bottom left), a lounge area (bottom center), a café area (bottom right), and an exhibition space (bottom right). The plan also includes labels for 'COPA', 'WC', 'ENTRADA', 'SALA 01', 'ESTAR', 'Guest', and 'PLANTA BA'. The drawing is in a light green line style on a dark green background.

Work Spaces

- 8 Workstations for visitors
- 2 Shared staff offices
- 3 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Large auditorium (up to 170 ppl)
- 1 Small auditorium (80-90 ppl)
- 1 Conference room (11 ppl)
- 1 Classroom in auditorium format (16-30 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Reception area
- Lounge area
- Café area
- Exhibition space

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columbia global centers santiago

Location and Space The Columbia Global Centers | Santiago occupies a 700-square-foot office in the renowned Flacso building, situated on the same street as several other international organizations such as ILO, ECLAC, UNDP, and FAO in the Vitacura municipality of the Chilean capital, Santiago. The center is located approximately 15 miles from Santiago's International Airport in the northeastern area of the city, accessible via public transportation. The presence of the United Nations buildings adds a global dimension to Vitacura. Coupled with the scenic Bicentennial Park, fine dining options, and cultural attractions, the area becomes particularly appealing. Noteworthy neighbors in the same building include the Harvard University David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the German Development Cooperation Agency, the Pan American Health Organization, and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Within the FLACSO building, there is an auditorium capable of accommodating up to 80 people.

How the Spaces Have Been Used Since its foundation in March 2012, the Santiago Center has organized several hundred public programs to address emerging topics and challenges for Chile and the wider Latin American region. While the office space is designed for smaller meetings of up to 4 or 5 people, there are additional workstations that can accommodate one or two faculty members or researchers. The centerpiece of the Center's public programming takes place in the conference room located on the ground floor, capable of hosting up to 80 people. This versatile space has been the venue for conferences, roundtable discussions, information sessions, pre-departure meetings, working lunches, and most of the Center's Advisory Board meetings. For slightly larger meetings or roundtable discussions, information sessions, and more, additional rooms on other floors of the same building can be requested. The foyer of the building serves as an ideal location for pre- or post-event receptions, such as cheese and wine gatherings or coffee breaks. Additionally, these receptions can extend to the outdoor patio of the building.

columbia global centers | santiago

amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 2 Workstations for visitors
- 1 Shared staff office
- 1 Private staff office

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Conference room (80 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Reception area
- Patio
- Shared kitchen area

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Location and Space The Columbia Global Centers | Tunis operates from downtown Tunis, in a refurbished early 20th century building. It encompasses the third floor, with balconies opening onto Tunis' iconic Place Barcelone and the offices of the old Municipality, one of a series of landmark Art Nouveau sites. The building is located at the entrance of the Medina of Tunis, on an avenue perpendicular to the Habib Bourguiba Avenue where the Arab Uprisings started in 2011. Furthermore, visitors can see the archaeological site of Carthage from the rooftop. The office has two open-spaces that can serve as classrooms and conference venues, and a number of cubicles. The building where it is located offers a free large conference/reception venue on the ground floor, as well as a rooftop space for receptions. The area is 10 to 20 minutes drive from Tunis Carthage International Airport. Visitors can come by taxi or public transportation, or use the nearby Gare de Tunis to catch a train to southern Tunisia. There are hotels and restaurants all around the Center.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The office space at the center is versatile, offering an ideal setting for various programs, catering to their respective sizes and needs. The two open spaces have consistently served as classrooms, conference venues, and settings for student roundtables and focus groups. These spaces have also hosted several small and medium-sized graduate and undergraduate workshops, providing an engaging environment for learning and discussion. The Central Art Gallery, which is accessible for the Center users, has been the perfect venue for larger events, typically with more than 30 participants. Additionally, just like the rooftop and our large conference room, it transforms into a reception space, making it ideal for post-event gatherings, program kick-offs, and closing ceremonies.

columbia global centers | tunis

amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 2 Private offices for visitors
- 1 Private staff office

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Art gallery
- 1 Conference room (100 ppl)
- 2 Open spaces

Other Amenities

- Kitchen
- Rooftop dining area (25 ppl)

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