



a guide to columbia global center spaces

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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 gather faculty, students, and partners across disciplines and borders to co-create knowledge and address pressing global challenges.

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.

While unique in culture and character according to their location, the centers are united in pursuing knowledge and growth for a greater good. 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 center amman



Location and Space Columbia Global Center Amman is headquartered in the residential area of Dabouq, 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, three seminar rooms, two 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 The center offers a range of versatile, multifunctional spaces. The auditorium is perfect for lectures, talks, and conferences, while the seminar rooms are ideal for trainings, workshops, and break-out sessions. Panel discussions and roundtables can be hosted at the center, in addition to symposiums and conventions while meetings can be held in the lounge. The exhibition area is well-suited for displays, and the courtyard is excellent for receptions and networking events. Video conferencing capabilities and AV equipment can help facilitate hosting classes, research workshops, dissemination events, and more. Staff offices, library, and dining hall can be available for different purposes to meet specific requirements.

columbia global center amman 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 center beijing

Location and Space The Columbia Global Center Beijing is located in the Chaoyang District, within the core area of Sanyuanqiao, one of the city's most dynamic areas for innovation, business, and culture. Just a 30-minute drive from the Beijing Capital International Airport, the neighborhood is home to numerous multinational corporations, making it one of Beijing's most international and diverse communities. This prime location fosters cross-cultural exchange and local engagement, ideally positioning the Center to deepen the University's connection with the broader society.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The center's 6,500-square-foot facility features a versatile event space suited for conferences, lectures, roundtables, receptions, and special events, providing capacity for up to 143 people. This area can also be divided into two separate spaces, each holding about 60 and 80 attendees. Equipped with conference audiovisual systems, the space ensures a seamless experience for participants. To facilitate productive work and engagement, the center offers a range of amenities, including two private offices, two conference rooms for 10 people each, four individual workstations, and a spacious front lounge designed for breaks and casual discussions.

The background of the entire page is a detailed architectural floor plan of the Columbia Global Center Beijing. The plan shows various rooms, including workstations, private offices, a large multi-functional room with a long table and chairs, two smaller conference rooms, a breakout area with circular tables, a café area, and a reception lobby. The drawing is rendered in white lines on a dark green background.

columbia global center beijing amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 4 Workstations for staff
- 2 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Multi-functional room (up to 143 ppl)
- 2 Small conference rooms (up to 10 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Breakout area
- Café area
- Reception lobby

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columbia global center istanbul



Location and Spaces The Columbia Global Center Istanbul office is located in Istanbul's central and historic district of Taksim Square, a 50-minute drive from both of the city's 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 access to free or low-rent university auditoriums and lecture spaces, as well as venues with auditoriums. The center can also create partnerships with local institutions to provide academic space for research. Hotels are an additional venue option for events, though more costly.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The 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, study, and research for visiting Columbia faculty and students.

columbia global center istanbul amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 2 Shared staff offices
- 2 Private staff offices

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Multi-functional conference room

Other Amenities

- Small kitchen

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columbia global center mumbai



Location and Spaces The Columbia Global Center 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 classrooms accommodating 75 and 25 participants.

How the Spaces Have Been Used The event space, adorned with panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the iconic Mumbai skyline, can accommodate discussions, workshops, and roundtable sessions. The space can also be used as a venue for public lectures, seminars, group sessions, and screenings. The conference room with seating for 16 is equipped with multimedia capabilities and is suited for intimate roundtable discussions, presentations, and meetings. The center also has a dedicated space for catering needs.

columbia global center mumbai amenities at a glance

The background of the slide is a light green architectural floor plan of the Columbia Global Center Mumbai. The plan shows various rooms, corridors, and furniture arrangements. Key areas are highlighted with white text boxes. The plan includes labels for rooms such as 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. Dimensions are also indicated throughout the plan.

Work Spaces

- Private staff offices
- Private offices for visitors
- 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 center nairobi



Location and Spaces The Columbia Global Center 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 foot space, has three 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 trainings on issues such as climate change, conservation, health, food security, and youth empowerment. The conference rooms are ideal for meetings and brainstorming sessions. The additional workspaces have been used for private study and in-depth research projects centered around the region.

columbia global center nairobi 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

Columbia Global Center Nairobi

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columbia global center paris

Location and Space Columbia Global Center Paris is located in Reid Hall, nestled in a residential neighborhood of the iconic Montparnasse District. Originally a porcelain factory in the mid-18th century, the site began its French-American chapter in 1893. It expanded its footprint with the addition of two buildings in 1912, forming a complex of three interconnected structures. Today, Reid Hall offers 23,000 square feet of functional space, complemented by 9,000 square feet of gardens, providing a unique setting for academic and cultural exchange.

The Chevreuse Building, the oldest of the three structures, houses the Columbia Global Center Paris, the administrative offices of several academic programs, state-of-the-art classrooms, an architecture studio, a library, and a studio apartment for visiting faculty.

The Grande Salle Building features a green room, a recording studio for podcasts or interviews, and the newly restored Grande Salle Ginsberg-LeClerc, with a maximum seating capacity of 150.

The Institute Building, modernized in 2017, is home to the Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination. It includes a catering kitchen, the Salle de Conférence, which seats a maximum of 80, and a café that serves fair-trade artisanal coffee roasted on-site. Additionally, two garden pavilions serve as classrooms and offices.

Thanks to the generous support of Columbia University and private donors, Reid Hall underwent a comprehensive renovation between 2016 and 2024, ensuring that it remains a secure, high-end venue for students, faculty, and the wider public.



columbia global center paris

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 Center 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.

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. 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 center 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 150 ppl)
- 1 Convertible conference room (up to 80 ppl)
- 6 Shared classrooms (up to 20 ppl each)
- 3 Gardens with tables and chairs (up to 400 ppl)

Other Amenities

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

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columbia global center rio de janeiro

Location and Space The Columbia Global Center Rio 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 location is minutes from the downtown airport, close to transportation, and within walking distance of churches and public places of 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 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 center rio de janeiro

amenities at a glance

The background of the slide features a detailed architectural floor plan of the Columbia Global Center Rio de Janeiro. The plan shows a large auditorium with rows of seats, a reception area, a lounge area, a café area, and several smaller meeting rooms. Labels in Portuguese such as 'auditorio baixo marcenada para equipamento', 'COPA', 'WC', 'ESTAR', 'Guest', 'SALA 01', 'ENTRADA', and 'PLANTA BA' are visible on the drawing.

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 (30 ppl)

Other Amenities

- Reception area
- Lounge area
- Café area

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columbia global center santiago

Location and Space The Columbia Global Center 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 founding in March 2012, the 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 four or five 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 center 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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columbia global center tunis



Location and Space The Columbia Global Center Tunis operates from downtown, 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. 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 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. Hotels and restaurants are near 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 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 environment for learning and discussion. The Central Art Gallery, which is accessible for the center users, has been the venue for larger events, typically with more than 30 participants. Additionally, just like the rooftop and the large conference room, it transforms into a reception space, making it ideal for post-event gatherings, program kick-offs, and closing ceremonies.

columbia global center tunis amenities at a glance

Work Spaces

- 3 shared offices for visitors

Large Gathering Spaces

- 1 Art gallery
- 1 Conference room (up to 100 ppl)
- 2 Seminar rooms

Other Amenities

- Kitchen
- Rooftop dining area (25 ppl)

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