

Thesis Defence — Information

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A brief guide to my thesis defence, to navigate the Moulon district stress-free.

Foreword

The title of my thesis is *The Semantics of Effects: Centrality, Quantum Control, and Reversible Recursion*. You can find a provisional version of my thesis manuscript at this link. My manuscript is written in English, and my defence will be conducted in English. The reasons for this are the following: one of my supervisors is not a French speaker (even though his French is improving day by day); and my research is intended to be placed in an international context (honestly, I would have loved to do my defence in French and have interpreters, but it was not quite feasible).

The Defence, 2pm

The defence will take place at the following address:

ENS Paris-Saclay
4 Avenue des Sciences, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette

Here is a photo of the building facade on a typical Ile-de-France weather day (but it should be better in June).



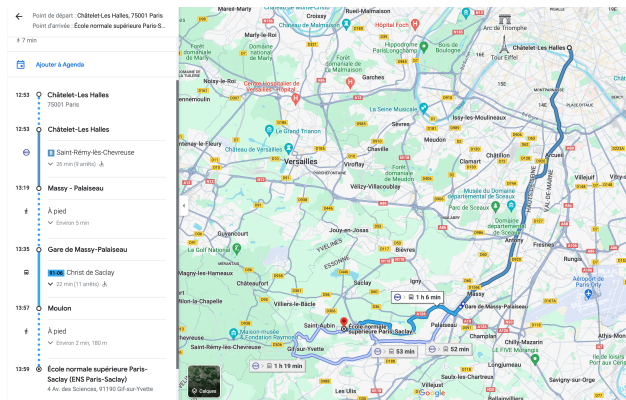
It will start at 2pm in room 1Z14 (which means first floor, far North-West, and beware, the first floor is actually the second floor).

Here is the map of the building to help you find your way. The building is organised like a game of battleships with the letters from A to Z going from South to North, and the numbers from 1 to 88 going from West to East. The entrance to the building is at the South, and the defence room is at the far North-West.

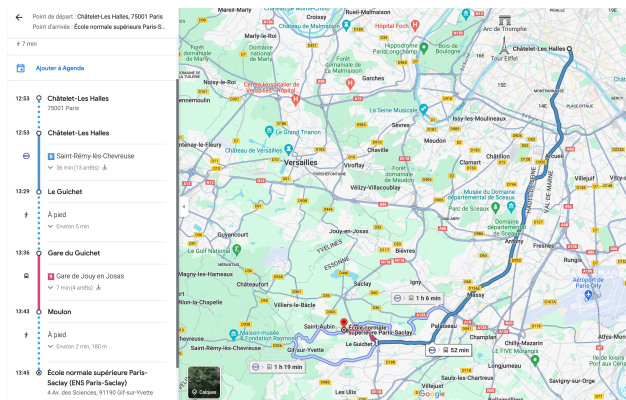
Trivia. The ENS building is where I did my first year as a PhD student as well as my three years of teaching.

Access. From Paris, it is highly recommended to take the RER B. Then two options are available to you.

- One possibility is to get off at Massy-Palaiseau, then take bus 91.06 (direction Le Guichet, in which case you should get off at the Université Paris-Saclay stop; or direction Christ de Saclay, in which case you can get off at the Moulon stop) or 91.10 (get off at the Moulon stop).



- The other option is to stop at Le Guichet station, then take bus 9 and get off at the Moulon stop, or the 91.06 direction Massy-Palaiseau and get off at Université Paris-Saclay.



Entrance will be via the building's reception at the South (as seen in the photo above).

Important note. With the various security measures in place, access to the building is more or less restricted. I will provide a list of names at the entrance (and for this, you will need to let me know if you think you might come to the defence). However, a thesis defence is a public event, so in theory, there is no reason to deny you access.

The ‘Pot’, ~5pm

After the defence, we will move to another building, called building 650, which entrance is located at the intersection of Avenue des Sciences and Rue Raymond Castaing, and its official address is as follows:

Pôle Commun de Recherche en Informatique
6 Rue Noetzlin, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette

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The ‘pot’ will take place after the jury’s deliberation. There is no specific time, but it is estimated to start between 5 pm and 6 pm.

Trivia. I spent the last two years working in this building.

Access. Refer to the previous point for public transport. Entrance will be by following someone who has an access badge, or by calling someone already inside (for example, me).

The Bar, ~7pm

Finally, I have booked some tables at a bar, the 🍷 & 🍺 :

Deer ‘n’ Beer
4 allée Anita Conti, 91300 Massy

Note that there will be snacks available (vegetarian toasts, cheese boards, ‘saucisson’) but not a full meal. However, this area of Massy has a variety of restaurants, you’ll find something to your liking before we meet at the bar.

The reservation is for 7 pm but we probably won’t be there at that time.

Access. The bar is very close to the Massy-Palaiseau station, where you find the RER B, the RER C, and the TGV.