



1st International Conference on  
**Strong Blended Families**  
UNDERSTANDING WHAT WORKS

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**6-7 FEBRUARY 2025**  
VALLETTA, MALTA

**USEFUL INFORMATION**









## ORGANISERS



The Malta Foundation  
for the Wellbeing of Society  
*Investing in children,  
within families & communities*

The Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society is dedicated to addressing the significant disparities in quality of life and wellbeing experienced by different members of Maltese society. These inequalities are evident in areas such as access to physical and mental health, income and employment opportunities, social and family connections, education and skills, freedom of expression, leisure, and environmental quality. If left unaddressed, these gaps could widen over time. The Foundation's primary purpose is to drive transformative action in these key areas of wellbeing, working urgently to reduce these disparities and promote wellbeing for all members of society.



**L-Università  
ta' Malta**

University of Malta (UM) is dedicated to serving students, advancing scholarship, and contributing to society in a sustainable manner. Positioned at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, UM has been a central hub for international academic exchange for over 400 years. As Malta's leading higher education institution, UM aligns with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area.

UM provides a dynamic higher education environment across the arts, sciences, and humanities, all of which are essential to Malta's economic, social, and cultural growth. With more than 3,500 graduates each year, the programs are designed to equip students with the skills needed to become highly qualified professionals in a range of fields.

UM is comprised of fourteen faculties, several interdisciplinary institutes and centres, three schools, and a junior college.

### Conference Management



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You can also contact the conference management company at:  
[blendedfamilies2025@symvoli.gr](mailto:blendedfamilies2025@symvoli.gr)



## Host City | Valletta



Valletta is the southernmost capital of one of Europe's best-known archipelagos, Malta. It is a fortified city, whose rich history and fascinating architecture have earned it the status of a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Having been under the rule of many different civilizations in ancient times, Valletta's 320 monuments make it one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world. Furthermore, its unique location on a hilly peninsula between two of the finest natural harbours in the Mediterranean lend to the city's breathtaking views.

During the Baroque age, Valletta played a vital role in the movement's development, with its architectural expression still visible in the city's buildings and vibrant art scene. The Baroque Festival in Malta has been running in the city for over eight years and is one of the most prestigious events. In Valletta visitors can explore **galleries and museums displaying contemporary and classic art**, including St. John's Co-Cathedral, which houses Caravaggio's masterpiece, The Beheading of Saint John.

However, Valletta also offers a treat for the senses with its notable **mediterranean cuisine and world-famous Maltese wines**. Highlighting Malta's outstanding fresh produce, at its restaurants you can experience the nation's most famous flavours, with most drawing inspiration from Malta's own history and its nearby neighbours. Valletta is a magnificent city with a **rich history** and **vibrant culture** with plenty of museums, art galleries, and historical landmarks in which visitors can immerse themselves in the city's captivating past. In addition, the city offers sparkling nightlife, electable cuisine, and stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea.

More information can be found on: <https://www.thetimes.com/travel/destinations/europe-travel/malta/valletta/valletta-ms0m5lrkv>



## The Venue

The 1st International Conference on Strong Blended Families will take place at **The Valletta Campus**, which is housed in the **Old University Building**, and it has two entrances, one on St Paul Street and another on Merchants Street.

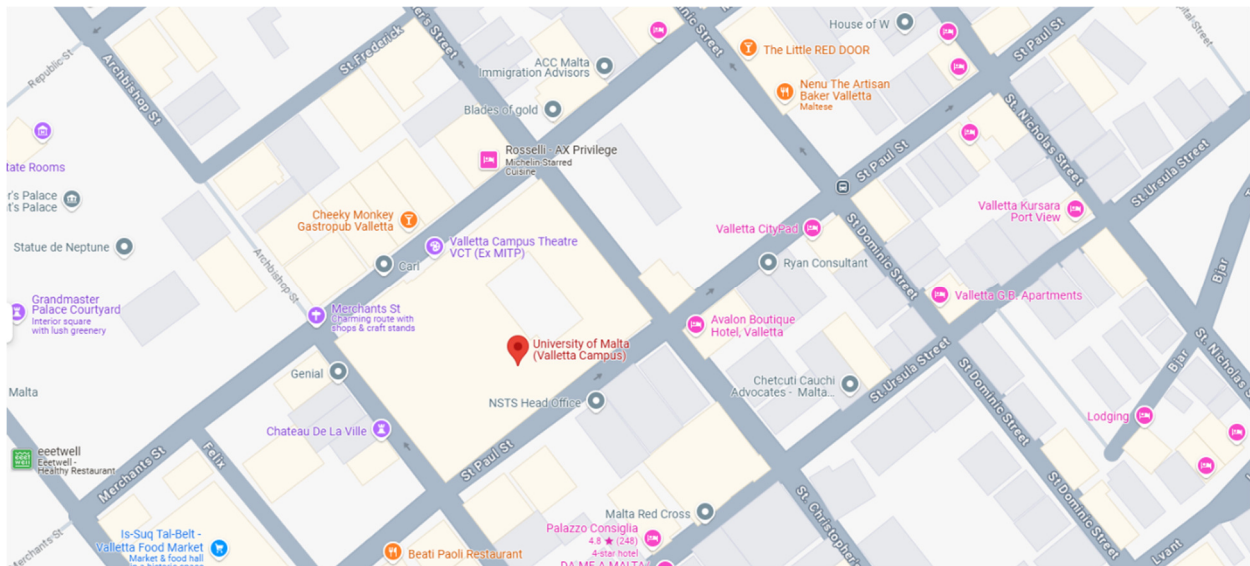
Address: St Paul Street, Valletta VLT 1216, Malta

### Welcome Desk

The conference welcome desk will operate during the following hours:

Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 09:00-17:00

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 09:00-17:00







## Ground Floor

Coffee/Lunch breaks will take place on the Ground Floor.



## Aula Prima Hall

Located on Level 2



## Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

Located on the Ground Floor





## Special Discount

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