

STURDY TEXTILES

KUNO Express Course hosted by the VDA Nida Art Colony and Kaunas Faculty

Teaching period: 23–30 May

Location: Nida Art Colony (VDA), Lithuania

Tutors: Monika Grašiene, Egija Inzule, Lina Jonike

ECTS: 3 ECTS

Number of available places for KUNO students: 6

Level: BA and MA

Course description:

This course is dedicated to the study and exploration of the role and various typologies of textiles and their use and function as part of public space infrastructure: spaces that are shared and used by many, spaces of formation, of oppression, as well as spaces that promote the open and public discourse of shared resources and employ a sense of mindfulness towards the built environment. Over seven days, the course will cover production possibilities and infrastructure of textiles in the Baltic States; the economy of how resources and labour circulate; and how historical textiles have been used in spaces such as monasteries, cruise ships, prisons, hospitals and youth hostels.

The starting point for Sturdy Textiles is the specific environment of Nida Art Colony, a subdivision of Vilnius Academy of Arts, and a hybrid institution designed to accommodate and host student seminars, artists-in-residence and many other activities in a comfortable and inspiring setting. Attention to the site, the surrounding resources, and functionality are currently the main criteria behind the design of NAC's interior spaces that inform the development of NAC's programme of activities.

The course is composed of three parts:

- sharing references and experiences that relate to the history of design of public spaces and the use of textiles
- studying NAC as a site, and learning about the textile production possibilities in Lithuania and the Baltic states
- working on a design proposal for new textiles: towels, beddings, washcloths

To complement the study and theory, the course will initiate the production of a range of new textiles for NAC to be produced in 2023 and 2024.

Application deadline: 10 May, 2023

How to apply: [Fill in the form](#)

Additional information:

The workshop will take place at the Nida Art Colony of the Vilnius Academy of Arts, E. A. Jonušo St. 3, Neringa LT-93127, Lithuania.

Accommodation prices: rooms are shared by 2–4 persons and cost 16 € per person per night with a shared bathroom or 24 € per person per night for a private bathroom.

Meals: shared and self-funded cooking in the group will be planned for specific days as part of the study process.

A personal laptop with Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop would be an advantage to have.

Financial Support by KUNO:

Travel support between Nordic countries: 330 € (or 660 € to/from Iceland)

Subsistence: 250 €

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