

Cesis, Latvia
July 25 – August 8, 2015

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Architecture & Urbanism

Riga Technical University International Summer School is an annual two-week course in urbanism, architecture and design. Applications for 2015 are now open!

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TOPIC

When hardly any place on our planet is left untouched, we especially value the remaining natural areas and strive for fresh air, clean water, lush greenery and organically produced food. For the frustrated urbanite, a rural town seems to be the refuge, promising unspoiled nature and an idyllic lifestyle, as well as the basic amenities of a city.

What does a modern day Arcadia entail? Does it accommodate urban agriculture, water management, wildlife reintroduction, ecotourism, well-being of the body and the mind? Can we imagine giving up an urbanised territory to the forces of nature? Is today's Arcadia economically and socially sustainable?

LOCATION

The Summer School is going to take place in Cesis – a town located within the Gauja National Park, which is the largest protected natural area in Latvia. Its high biological diversity, varied terrain and natural water resources provide for outdoor sports of all seasons and traditional picking of mushrooms, berries and medicinal plants. Being close to nature is an essential part of the town's identity.

PROGRAMME

Participants will be offered an intensive two-week programme of lectures, discussions and workshops, as well as sightseeing tours and parties. Some of the units are going to research the physical, socio-economic and political realities of Cesis, while others are going to design, test and build ephemeral installations in the public realm.

The Summer School is an opportunity to work hands-on with creating actual events and spatial structures that accommodate public interactions.

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Work done in Summer School 2014: a miniature sanatorium with a fully functional sauna, a bilingual newspaper The Naturalist, and a pavilion promoting the Rucka park.



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ELIGIBILITY

Focus of the course is urbanism, architecture and design, but it also welcomes students and young professionals of related disciplines: arts, geography, sociology, and others.

Applicants should have completed at least one year of studies by the beginning of the course, be fluent in English and keen to work in groups.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The fee including registration, tuition, accommodation, meals and social programme is € 675. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available.

ACADEMIC CREDITS

Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Riga Technical University and 3 ECTS points upon completion of the course.

APPLICATION

Read more and apply online: rtusummerschool.lv
Deadline for submitting applications is May 3, 2015.

ORGANISERS

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