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Baltic summer school of ethnography

Visual anthropology tools in researching
memory practices across communities &
spaces

2026 June 29 - July 3, Antalieptė

Organizers:



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Partners:



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Latvijas
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How do we remember? How do memories live in bodies, landscapes, images, and stories? And how can visual methods help us explore complex social processes of (re)membering?

We welcome you to the 1-st Baltic Summer School of Ethnography dedicated to visual anthropology methods and memory research.

Taking place in the unique natural setting of Antalieptė, Lithuania, this summer school brings together international scholars and practitioners to explore memory through multiple lenses: identity, nature, migration. We will engage in lectures, hands-on workshops, field excursions, and collaborative group work, learning how to use visual tools to tell the stories.

The programme integrates theoretical approaches with practical engagement. We will work in small groups to design and develop visual projects, supported by experienced mentors, culminating in final presentations at the end of the programme.

Beyond structured sessions, the summer school is conceived as a reflective and dialogical space, where learning extends into informal exchanges, collective experiences and everyday encounters.

Organizers' team:

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We will stay in a beautiful & meaningful place surrounded by history, nature and creativity - Innovators Valley in Antalieptė.

Innovators' Valley location has an authentic history – it begins when the Selonians tribe settled in current Antalieptė. At the same time, monks also moved to this area – in a town, where the majority of the population was the Jews, in the 17th century the Barefoot Carmelites had started to move in. Still today there are plenty of unanswered questions about the first monks, who lived in Antalieptė. During World War II, the monastery was turned to agricultural technical school. In Soviet times, some buildings of Antalieptė that held historic value had suffered; however, quite a few authentic objects remained. A former brewery, water mill of Tiškevičiai (that in the Soviet times belonged to the Arts technical school – now Academy of Arts), swinging bridge, mountain-type hydropower plant can be visited in Antalieptė today.



PROGRAMME

Day 1. Monday June 29

10:30 val.

**MEETING POINT: INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER
“PADĖK PRITAPTI”, PANERIŲ G. 14, VILNIUS**

11:00 val.

DEPARTURE TO ANTALIEPTĖ

13:00 val.

LUNCH

14:30 val.

**OPENING SESSION: INTRODUCTION TO THE
PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS & TEAMBUILDING**

16:00 val.

**KEYNOTE LECTURE: LECTURE: MAPPING MEMORY
STUDIES, ANNA PILARZCYK-PALAITIS (VYTAUTAS
MAGNUS UNIVERSITY)**

16:45 val.

**WORKSHOP 1: INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY
METHODS, MARIJA BARNA LIPKOVSKI, MIKLÓS BARNA
LIPKOVSKI (VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY CENTER, BELGRAD)**

18:45 val.

FREE TIME / FIELD DIARY WRITING

19:30 val.

DINNER

20:30 val.

**DAY REFLECTION SESSION (WILL HAPPEN AT
THE END OF EACH DAY)**

*PROGRAMME INCLUDES SHORTER COFFEE BREAKS
DURING EACH DAY, WE WILL HAVE TIME TO CHILL!:_)

PROGRAMME

Day 2. Tuesday June 30

09:00 val.

BREAKFAST

10:00 val.

FIELD EXCURSION IN ANTALIEPTĖ (INCL. LOCAL HIS/HERSTORY AND OTHER STORIES)

12:00 val.

KEYNOTE LECTURE: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY: ITS IMPORTANCE AS A METHOD, RELJA PEKIĆ (VAC)
WORKSHOP 2: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY METHODS (VAC)

14:30 val.

LUNCH

15:30 val.

WORKSHOP 2: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY METHODS (VAC)

16:30 val.

LECTURE: IDENTITIES AS MEMORY: PERSPECTIVES OF THE MUSEUM, UGNĖ STARKUTĖ (LNM, ANTHROPOS)

17:00 val.

LECTURE: MEMORY-THEATRE, SAARA JÄNISK (TARTU NEFA, EE)

17:30 val.

GROUP PROJECTS ON VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY & FREE TIME/ FIELD DIARY WRITING

19:30 val.

DINNER

20:30 val.

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION ON ROMA COMMUNITIES IN LITHUANIA: MIRO FORO, AGNIEŠKA AVIN-ILERI (LCSS INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY)

PROGRAMME

Day 3. Wednesday July 1

09:00 val.

BREAKFAST

10:00 val.

**WORKSHOP 3: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY METHODS
(VAC)**

14:00 val.

LUNCH

15:00 val.

**LECTURE: STUDYING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MEMORY THROUGH PARTICIPATORY DRAWING,
LUCYA PASSIATORE (TALLIN UNIVERSITY)**

16:00 val.

**PRESENTATION: LANDSCAPE AS MEMORY -
INTERDISCIPLINARY ENGAGEMENTS WITH LANDSCAPE,
DAINA PUPKEVIČIŪTĖ (ANTHROPOS)**

17:30 val.

**LECTURE: MEMORY IN STONES, GEOLOGIST
ŽYGIMANTAS PALAITIS**

18:30 val.

FREE TIME/ FIELD DIARY WRITING

19:00 val.

DINNER

20:00 val.

**PERFORMATIVE LECTURE: SARABANDA,
KRISTIJONAS DIRSĖ, DOMINYKAS DIGIMAS (LT)**

21:00 val.

**ETHNOGRAPHIC POETRY READING SESSION AROUND
CAMP FIRE WITH LAURA ŠVEDAITĖ (INTERCULTURAL
EDUCATION CENTER *PADĖK PRITAPTI*)**

PROGRAMME

Day 4. Thursday July 2

09:00 val.

BREAKFAST

10:00 val.

LECTURE: THE POWER OF MEMORIES IN FORCED MIGRATION: THE CASE OF REFUGEE MUSLIM WOMEN IN LITHUANIA, RAMINTA JAKUCEVIČIENĖ (VILNIUS UNIVERSITY)

11:00 val.

LECTURE: ILLEGAL UNTIL DEATH? ON THE (NON) IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED PEOPLE ON THE LATVIA-BELARUS BORDER, ANNA GRIKE (LATVIA UNIVERSITY)

12:00 val.

WORKSHOP: COMMEMORATION, IDENTIFICATION AND VISUAL METHODS IN CONTEXTS OF BORDER DEATHS, ANNA GRIKE (LATVIAN UNIVERSITY)

13:30 val.

LUNCH

15:00 val.

WORKSHOP 4: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY METHODS (VAC)

18:00 val.

WORKSHOP: BODY AS MEMORY KORNELIJA ČEPYTĖ-EIVĖ (LCSS INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY)

18:45 val.

FREE TIME / FIELD DIARY WRITING

19:30 val.

DINNER

20:30 val.

DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING *BLACK STORK, WHITE STORK*

PROGRAMME

Day 5. Friday July 3

09:00 val.

BREAKFAST

09:45 val.

**WORKSHOP 5: FINALISING VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY
PROJECTS (VAC)**

12:30 val.

**LECTURE: PUBLIC SILENCE, PRIVATE INHERITANCE:
MEMORY AND AFRICAN DIASPORIC BELONGING IN
ESTONIA, ADEDEJI MOSES ADENIYI (TALLIN UNIVERSITY)**

13:15 val.

**PRESENTATIONS OF VIDEO PROJECTS AND FINAL
REFLECTION**

14:30 val.

LUNCH

15:30 val.

DEPARTURE TO VILNIUS

20:00 val.

FAREWELL PARTY IN VILNIUS (TO BE SPECIFIED)

