

8TH

INTER-FORMAT

SYMPOSIUM

ON RITES

Roots, neopagan, traditional knowledges, ethno-futurism, digital shamanism, eco-sex, ethno-appropriation, authenticity, contemporary pantheism, (re)-constructed pasts, indigenous futures, northern ecologies, pagan anthropocene, feminist pedagogies, engineered indigeneity, seasonal sensibility, xenophobic rootedness, cyber-paganism.

NIDA
ART
COLONY
(LT)

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AND TERRAth

BYTES June

'Rites and Terabytes' refers to the peculiar situation where we increasingly feel or desire a connection with rituals and practices of old despite living in a profoundly mediated 'post-contemporary' world. In other words, to reconcile the imagined universes of archaic rites and the ubiquitous terabytes of digital information, we need some firm rooting and grounding (terra), whether in our surviving local indigenous culture or in some newly engineered indigeneity.

WEDNESDAY (20th)

18.00-19.00
Colony kitchen
☞ Tasting the Symposium with "Raitas Baitas" (Dundulis), curators' opening word and sharing of identities and indigeneities of the participants
Everybody

19.00-20.30
Conference Hall
☞ Indigeneity and Everyday Rites in Contemporary Lithuania and Beyond - Introduction to the Local Context
Jurga Jonutyte, Audrius Beinorius, Eglė Minelgaitė, Beinorienė, Žilvinas Landzbergas (moderated by Jogintė Bučinskaitė & Jurij Dobriakov)

20.30-22.00
☞ Opening Baltic dinner feat. 'signs of power'
Maris Grosbahs & Ieva Bertašiūtė-Grosbaha & everybody

☐ 22.00-22.30
Forest near the Colony
☞ } Opening sunset ritual/performance
Obelija

☐ 22.30-23.00
Outside the Colony
☞ } k.o.p.a
SALA (Audrius Šimkūnas)

THURSDAY (21st)

9.00-10.00
☞ BREAKFAST before Solstice

10.00-11.00
Conference hall
☞ Introduction to the day's programme (5min) and 2nd panel discussion: Initiating Keywords (from Local to Regional to Global)
Curators & network representatives (moderated by Andrew Gryf Paterson and Sam Trotman)

☐ 11.00-11.40
Conference hall
☞ Conjuring The Digital Mystic: Activism, Ritual, & (Dis)Embodiment In Contemporary Witchcraft
Kristen J. Sollée

11.40-12.00
☞ Coffee and cookies break

☐ 12.00-12.40
Conference hall
☞ Contemporary Angels on Maidan
Vilius Dranseika

12.40-13.20
Conference hall
☞ Out of Lightness, Dark
Dougald Hine

13.20-14.30
Kitchen
☞ LUNCH

14.30-16.00
Outside the colony
☞ Deus sive Natura
Jussi Salminen

☐ 16.00-16.30
Big hall
☞ Numinosum
Dovydas Korba

☐ 16.30-17.00
Conference Hall
☞ Eco-poetics and Mythologies: Contemporary Sensibilities from the North. Excerpt from Soundscape Røst by Elin Már Øyen Vister.
Kristin Bergaust & Elin Mar Vister

☐ 17.00-18.00
Conference Hall
☞ 1st part: Ethno-Futurism: Leaning on the Past, Working for the Future. 2nd part: Ethnofuturism in the North - Ethnofuturism in the South
Anders Kreuger & Mikko Lipiäinen

18.00-19.00
Outside
☞ Phytopolitics
Špela Petrič

19.00-20.30
Kitchen/Terrace
☞ DINNER

19.00-20.30
Kitchen/Terrace
☞ The Anthropocene Spices: The Origin
Zane Cerpina & Stahl Stenslie

☐ 20.30-21.00
Big Hall
☞ Feeding the Celestial Bodies
Małgorzata Żurada

21.00-23.00
Sauna on the beach (25 min walk)
☞ Ecosexual Beat
Pony Express

23.00-23.59
Sauna on the beach (25 min walk)
☞ Free Sauna
Everybody (max 10 at once)

FRIDAY (22nd)

9.00-10.00
☞ BREAKFAST

☐ 10.00-10.30
Conference hall
☞ "Time Rites - The Art of Burying and Digging Things up - Experimental Material Cultures in the West of Ireland"
Gareth Kennedy

☐ 10.30-11.00
Conference hall
☞ The Duality of Folk Music: Scientific Research and Artistic Form. What Challenges does a Folk Performer Face in Lithuania Today?
Eglė Česnakavičiūtė (Obelija)

11.00-11.30
Foyer
☞ Coffee and cookies break

☐ 11.30-12.00
Conference hall
☞ /data/ghosts
Kevin Bartoli (RYBN)

☐ 12.00-12.30
Outdoors within NAC grounds
☞ Liturgy for Electronic Waste
Adrian Demleitner

12.30-13.30
Kitchen
☞ LUNCH

13.30-14.30
Paralel sessions start from kitchen
☞ 2 WORKSHOPS: Reflections on Nine Parts Navvy (max 20) / Sylvan Skinship session (max 15)
Naomi Pearce / Mari Keski-Korsu

14.30-16.30
Curonian Spit
☞ The 2089 T. Rudzinskaitė Memorial Amateur Lichenologists Society Annual Field Trip & Picnic
Tessa Zettel & Sumugan Sivanesan

16.30-17.30
Forest
☞ Interdimensional Transmission
Lilli Tölp, Eva Bubla (Green Root Lab)

17.30-18.00
Kitchen
☞ Jari rites transmitted over gigabytes
Daina Zalāne (Lauska)

18.00-19.00
Kitchen/Terrace
☞ DINNER

19.00-20.00
Old hall and outside by the fire
☞ Fire is Form
Gwenn-Aël Lynn

☐ 20.00-22.59
Big Hall
☞ Public music performances
Obelija / SALA / SKELDOS / Księżyc /

22.30-23.59
Sauna on the beach (25 min walk)
☞ Sauna with whisks (follow up of the workshop, max 15 persons)
Mari Keski-Korsu

SATURDAY OFF IN TOWN (23rd)

9.00-11.00
☞ SOLSTICE BRUNCH

11.00-11.30
Border of NAC/forest
☞ Beating the Bounds: Peripheries, Survival and the Commons
Elizabeth Hudson

11.30-11.45
☞ LIGHT LUNCH TO TAKE AWAY

☐ 12.00-04.55
Lagoon and Nida town
☞ EVERYBODY OUT FOR MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION, RITES AND WORKSHOPS
Programme <http://visitneringa.com>
until 4:55 am SUNRISE and later

☐ 18.00-19.00
Tylos slėnis / Valley of Silence near Lagoon
☞ Legend about The Sun and The Moon / SAKMĖ APIE SAULĖ IR MĖNULĮ

☐ 19.30-21.00
Tylos slėnis / Valley of Silence near Lagoon
TRADITIONAL MIDSUMMER RITES WITH SPELLS AND RITUAL FORAGING OF HERBS AND FLOWERS

☐ 21.30-23.00
Meadow by the yacht marina
Traditional Midsummer Celebration in Nida

☐ 23.00-...
Main stage by the yacht marina
Evening Concert
OBELIJA (LT) / HAYRENIK (ARM) / VURAJ (BY)

☐ 23.00-23.59
Public intervention into the midsummer celebration
Lost to the Phosphorus
Erica Scourti

SUNDAY (24th)

☐ 8.00-9.00
Parnidis Dune
☞ Ritual of Welcoming the Sun

14.00-15.00
☞ BREAKFAST WHICH LOOKS LIKE LUNCH

15.00-17.00
☞ CLOSING DISCUSSION
Chaired by 3 persons: Andrew Gryf Paterson, Erica Scourti, Vytautas Michelkevičius, and a review of the 2 events

17.00-18.00
Forest around colony
☞ Sylvan Skinship session
Mari Keski-Korsu

18.00-19.59
Sauna on the beach (25 min walk)
☞ Sauna with whisking ritual
Mari Keski-Korsu

20.00-21.00
☞ GOODBYE DIY DINNER

21.00-23.00
☞ Free self-organised Sauna

INTER-PAGAN (Inter & Pan-disciplinary Arts & Grounded Anthropocene Network) is one year of curatorial, artistic or cultural research and exchange between art and culture organisations from Baltic-Nordic countries, Poland and Scotland: Nida Art Colony of Vilnius Academy of Arts (LT), Lauska (LV), Interdisciplinary Arts Group SERDE (LV), Pixelache (FI), Scottish Sculpture Workshop (SCO), Høgskolen i Oslo og Akershus (NO), University of Arts Helsinki (FI), Maalabor (EE), Księżyc (PL).

Curators: Andrew Gryf Paterson (SCO/FI/LV), Vytautas Michelkevičius (LT), Jurij Dobriakov (LT), and Jogintė Bučinskaitė (LT)

Team: Skaistė Marčienė, Julija Navarskaitė, Karolina Sadlauskaitė, Linas Ramanauskas, Rasa Antanavičiūtė

☞ Talk / Intro / Discussion
☞ Performance / Workshop
☞ Activity Outside
☞ Walk
☞ Eating / Drinking
☞ Sauning
☞ Screening
☞ Sound / Music
☐ Open for public

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