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***“Druskas Avisas” #1-19 July 2015***

***Druskininkai, Lithuania***

**The Nordic Summer University Summer Session 2015**

**Druskininkai, Lithuania, 18th till 25th of July**



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## The chair person welcomes you to Druskininkai

The Board is thrilled to welcome you all to the Southeastern corner of the Nordic-Baltic region and the 65th season of the Nordic Summer University: the future starts here this week. Today, right after lunch, we invite you all to come to the NSU General Meeting. Here, you will get an update on the current situation of the NSU and, more importantly, an invitation to take part in forming what the future can hold for us, the NSU. We look forward to see you all there and wish you a great start on the summer session this morning in your respective circles.

-Per Roar



## Olga welcomes you to Druskininkai

Good morning, dear participants of Druskininkai Summer Session 2015! I hope that all of us are starting this weekly event with the great expectations and inspirations as well as promising sunny weather forecast for the upcoming week. Although our Summer Session is going to be busy we invite you to experience your staying here to the fullest.



### Important phone numbers

In order to facilitate communication between the participants and the arrangers, we have created three hotline numbers for you to call in case you have any questions, praises, or comments — or if you just wish to annoy those in charge.

The numbers will be found in Druskas Avisas every day, and we will also try to publish photos of the people whose turn it is to answer each phone any given day.

**Remember:** if you want to publish anything in “Druskas Avisas” please email us at [druskasavisas@gmail.com](mailto:druskasavisas@gmail.com). **Deadline** at 18:00 every night.



**Today you should talk to:**

**Anne-Lea** for the Children's Circle (the number is +370 623 16 755).



**Ingibjörg** for the Board (The number is +37062317222).

**Olga** for the Arrkom (arrangement committee). The number is +370 62317748.



## Violin, Viola and Video Virtuosity in Druskininkai

In the first day of Nordic Summer University we had the privilege of attending a concert of American violinist Karen Bentley Pollick. The conference hall was filled with amateurs of classic music. An exception was made by a little company of children who didn't have the stamina to enjoy the wonderful performance of Karen Pollick which was accompanied by visual images. We heard Uzupis "Constitution Song", "Cantus in Memoriam" and other beautiful songs of the Lithuanian composer. Especially fascinating was "Serenity Diptychs". Visual images of Philip Van Keuren emphasized the mysteriousness of this song. Karen Pollick said herself: "When I first encountered photographic diptychs of Philip Van Keuren, I was struck by the "endless pairs of things" and unexpected dialogues appearing between images ... The further the "distance" between a sheer physicality of paired images, light-dark, near-far, etc. results in a stronger emotive resonance, creating the "conversation" between images."



## The program of the week

	Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25
08.00-09.00	Breakfast & Parents' Info	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast & Departure
09.00-10.30	Circle Program	Circle Program	Circle Program	E	Circle Program	Circle Program	
10.30-10.45	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	X	Coffee	Coffee	
10.45-12.15	Circle Program	Circle Program	Circle Program	C	Circle Program	Circle Program	
12.15-14.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	U	Lunch	Lunch	
14.00-15.15	NSU General Meeting	Circle Program	Circle Program	R	Circle Program	Circle Program	
15.15-15.30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	S	Coffee	Coffee	
15.30-17.00	KEYNOTE: <u>Roberta Mock</u> : "Bodies of Work: Woman, Performance Practice and Biological Space-Time"	KEYNOTE: <u>Ben Highmore</u> : "Formations of Feelings, Constallations of Things"	KEYNOTE: <u>Ben Highmore</u> : "Feeling It: Habitat, Taste and the New Middle Class in 1970's Britain"	I O N S	KEYNOTE: <u>Roberta Mock</u> : "Bitches' Brew: Reflecting on Current Cultures of Performance by Listening to the Past"	Joint Meeting of Board & Coordinators / Children's Circle Presentation	
17.00-18.00	Country Meetings	General Assembly	-----		General Assembly	Sports	
18.00-19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Sports	
19.00-22.00	Visit to Park Grūtas	Audrius Stonys Film Retrospective	Soundscapes of Čiurlionis	For 25 Years in Lithuania with a Soviet Visa (until 20.30)  The National Hymn / Lovers in Time (from 20.30)	Baltic Refrain (from 19.30)	Gala Dinner followed by Folk Dancing (no, we're not kidding!)	

## Country Meetings tonight at 17.00

In the country meetings, two persons are elected to represent each country or region in the General Assembly, and one person to participate in the Nomination committee to propose candidates for the NSU board. Usually, the future of NSU (and especially coming Summer Sessions) is discussed.

### The rooms for the meetings are:

Finland — room 1

Iceland — room 2

Norway — room 3

International — room 4

Baltic countries — room 5

Sweden — room 602

Denmark — the bar





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## The program Sunday July 19

	Circle 1	Circle 2	Circle 3	Circle 4	Circle 5	Circle 6	Circle 7	Circle 8
08.00-09.00	Breakfast							
09.00-10.30	Introduction and debate on "Gender, intersectionality and transformations of welfare"	n/a	Agust Thor Arnason: "In and out of EU – Icelandic and Greek perspectives"	John Miller: Psychoanalysis and Addiction		What the circle is about	Introductions & Announcements	Introduction Johanna Sjöstedt: "The Humanities as a Question of the World"
10.30-10.45	Coffee							
10.45-12.15	Visit other circles	n/a	Signe Rehling Larsen and Hjalte Lokdam: "The OMT Ruling and the Euro Crisis"	Charlotta Lund: "Managing the Projected Self — Projective Identification and Addiction"	Max Timofeyev: "The Challenges of the Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in the Context of Domestic Constitutional Order"	Gustav Eek: "Syndicated e-mail service against established influence patterns of electronic communication"	Joanna Neil Joanna Sperry-Jones Peter Skukie Cecilia Lagerström	Alena Minchenia: "Killjoy and the (Geo)politics of Humour Anna Nygren: "Human-Animal Affection i <i>Min Häst</i> "
12.15-14.00	Lunch NB! 13.45 Opening of the Design Exhibition at the "Hothouse"							
14.00-15.15	NSU Meeting for Everybody							
15.15-15.30	Coffee							
15.30-17.00	KEYNOTE							
17.00-18.00	Country meetings							
18.00-19.00	Dinner							
19.00-22.00	Visit Grūtas Park							



Please bring your child/children to room 603 at 08.45 this morning, regardless of the age of the child. There will be important information and a couple of papers to sign!

Best regards,

Youth Leaders.

### Design Time

The NSU participants are welcomed to the grand opening of the design exhibition by students from the European Humanities University. The opening will take place in the corridor leading from the old part of the hotel to the new one (a.k.a. "The Hothouse") at 13.45 this afternoon. Darya Gnedko, a third-year student at the EHU, says the following about the works on display: "Design programme of the European Humanities University specializes mostly on graphic design and typography. Pictures made by using different methods of drawing show great contrast between thin lines and expressive splashes.





Aim of formal composition is to represent different topics by using simple forms and colors to make the audience understand the main goal clearly and easily. Works on calligraphy display how unique handwriting is and how it looks depending on which emotion you put into the process of creation. The exhibition shows some works and variety of solutions made during courses by design students of the European Humanities University. It also presents to the public diversity of final results of last year students.”

### Grūtas Park at 19.00

The excursion to Grūtas Park takes place tonight, starting at 19.00 (after dinner). There will be bus transport to the site, and the whole experience will take 2,5 to 3 hours. It is free for NSU participants.

Grūtas Park was created in the mid 1990's by the mushroom millionaire Vilius Malinauskas. He bought discarded Soviet-era statues by the trainloads, and wanted to create an open-air museum for the history of Lithuania in the latter half of the 20th century. He planned to include train rides in cattle carts reminding of the deportation of Lithuanians to the gulag in the 1940's — but this was torpedoed by people complaining



that it threatened to turn the whole idea into a "Soviet Disneyland".

After the official opening in 2001, the park quickly became one of the most important tourist attractions in Lithuania.

Keep your eyes peeled for the bust of Felix Dzerzhinsky, the Vilnius-educated founder of Cheka (which later became KGB).



## T-Shirts!!!

The new NSU T-shirts have arrived! This year, they come in six different colors and designs: light blue, orange, and deep red for the ladies; green and chocolate brown for men/unisex; and lighter green for the children. You can shop for them at the newspaper room — please be prepared to do your shopping with your credit card information, as you can only walk away with a new T-shirt after having paid for it electronically.



Here you may find a link with more information about this T-Shirts:

<http://nsuweb.org/w2014/product/nsu-t-shirt>.

