

# 5TH URBAN STUDIES DAYS

*Changing ahead of  
time – toolkit of urban  
activism*

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Last year, under the title of „Research and Activism” the Days showed the active work of many involved in activism, urban development and interventions. This year, we intend to join the international participants, with their backgrounds and personal careers, into a set of workshops and round tables in with the opportunity to actively share experiences and create ideas of interventions which can be furtherly developed in Tallinn and beyond.

Connected with the lecture series on Urban Futurology at the Academy during the spring, the Days’ workshops will focus on planning and acting for the future, roughly in three steps:

- **Awareness:** Reading between the lines of the present situation and trends, in order to analyse what they will bring in the future. Identifying the potentially to-be affected areas, sectors and people from the current processes.
- **Prevention:** Acting ahead of time can help prevent some processes of decay, segregation and exclusion. A timely intervention can help prevent it.
- **Preparedness:** Not all events can be prevented. Anything can happen under a wide range of circumstances. The interventions and actions at this stage become a useful tool in case of emergency or need.

The participants of the Days will be arranged according to their interest of action, to prepare for an interventional plan, whether in a physical shape or in a figurative sense, that can work as a toolkit for positive and forward-looking activism in different cities, neighbourhoods or situations.

You can download from our website the 2007 Days’ proceedings in an pdf format:

[www.urbanistika.ee](http://www.urbanistika.ee) (under texts and projects). This year, we will collect the proceedings and results as a continuation of last years’ work to create a consistent international publication.

Key note speakers and programme will be announced in March.

The 5th Urban Studies Days are organised by the Chair of Urban Studies at the Estonian Academy of Arts, in cooperation with the Year of Architecture.

## ABSTRACT DEADLINE 30.3.2008

The event is of interest for activists, event organisers, media, environmental and urban artists, city authorities and policy makers, as well as researchers involved in political science, sociology, planning, architecture, geography, cultural studies, anthropology and media studies, among others. The participants will take part in the round table debates as well as in the creation of ideas in groupwork towards a toolkit for activism.

Please send abstract (max 250 words) and a short bio (max 100 words) to the coordinator (lilia.delrio@artun.ee) latest 30.3.2008. The organisers inform accepted speakers by 4.4.2008.

Entrance to the conference and workshops is open, yet all the participants in workshops and round tables, as well as other attendants, should be registered by email beforehand.

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