



7TH EDITION OF KUMA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS | 2024

JULY 22 - 30, 2024
SARAJEVO AND GORAŽDE

WHAT IS KUMA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL?

Established in 2018, Kuma International Summer School is a unique program dedicated to contemporary art practices produced in the context of conflict and trauma that aims to provide a platform for artists and scholars to explore and reflect on the role of art in times of crisis.

The school mainly focuses on Bosnia and Herzegovina and the work artists in the region and the diaspora have been making in response to the political turmoil of the 1990s which began with the fall of Yugoslavia and ended with war and genocide.

More than 115 participants from 20 different countries have participated in the program over the past 6 editions (2018-2023).

The program is held annually in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sarajevo is a city that has experienced significant conflict and trauma in recent history, and has become a symbol of resilience and hope. The city provides a rich backdrop for the summer school, offering participants the opportunity to engage with local artists and communities, and to learn about the complex cultural and political landscape of the region.

The summer school is open to participants from a variety of disciplines, including art, history, sociology, and political science. The program is designed to be interdisciplinary, with a focus on collaborative and participatory approaches to learning. Participants engage in a variety of activities, including lectures, workshops, field trips, and studio visits, all aimed at exploring the intersection of art and conflict.

The curriculum is structured around a series of thematic modules, each of which explores a different aspect of contemporary art practices in conflict and trauma. Some of the topics covered include: the role of art in conflict resolution, the relationship between art and memory, the ethics of representation in times of crisis, and the potential for art to foster social change.



ABOUT KUMA INTERNATIONAL

Kuma International was founded in 2018, in Sarajevo by Dr. Claudia Zini, a socially engaged scholar, art historian and curator with a Ph.D. from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London on contemporary art from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the impact of war and genocide on its contemporary art production.

Founded as a non-profit organization, Kuma International is dedicated to teaching the next generations how to utilize the arts to explore and address the profound impact of the Bosnian war and genocide on individuals, with a central focus on reconciliation and healing.

Kuma's team of educators includes war and genocide survivors as well as former refugees who bring first-hand experience of conflict processed through various artistic mediums, including exhibitions, films, and performances that have inspired hundreds of participants in Kuma's educational activities, encouraging them to share their war memories, confront trauma, and embark on their own artistic initiatives.

In addition to local engagement, Kuma has welcomed youth from over 20 different countries, fostering meaningful cross-cultural exchange. Leveraging its extensive network, both locally and internationally, Kuma has developed a range of programs and initiatives—including workshops, field trips, exhibitions, three publications, and two documentary films—across several cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Bihać, Goražde, Zenica, Stolac, and Srebrenica.

Since 2018, it has successfully organized six editions of the summer school in various locations across Bosnia and Herzegovina with the participation of hundreds from across the country, the Western Balkans, Europe, North America, and Australia. Participants from the Bosnian diaspora have also shown a keen interest in reconnecting with their homeland and learn more about its artistic scene.



WHAT IS KUMA SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERING?

- Lectures by artists from Bosnia Herzegovina and the Bosnian diaspora and experts working in the field of visual arts and memory studies. Participants will meet with professionals in the art world who are former war and genocide survivors and draw on their first-hand experiences of war in their work. Their artistic and creative practices, profoundly influenced by the war and genocide in their country, have become a special tool for conveying the trauma caused by those events and coming to terms with it.
- Participants will also have the chance to delve into the rich and complex recent history of Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on the artistic responses to the political turmoil of the 1990s.
- The summer school will take place in Sarajevo and Goražde, two cities with rich histories of conflict and resilience. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with local artists and community members, gaining firsthand perspectives on their experiences of resilience and creative.
- The program welcomes individuals from various disciplines, including art, history, sociology, and political science. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration, participants will explore the multifaceted nature of art's role in times of crisis.
- The summer school encourages collaborative and participatory approaches to learning, fostering connections and sharing perspectives with peers from around the world.
- Overall, the Kuma International Summer School offers a dynamic and inclusive environment for participants to deepen their understanding of art's transformative power in times of adversity and to contribute to meaningful dialogue and creative expression.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

MONDAY, JULY 22: Kuma International Summer School kicks off in Sarajevo in Kuma's headquarter in the Marin Dvor neighborhood. Participants will be fully immersed in the vibrant culture and history of Sarajevo, engaging in several workshops, lectures and explorations throughout the city until Friday. Final list of guest lectures and artists will be provided in the following weeks.

SATURDAY, JULY 27: we will leave for a three day excursion to the city of Goražde, two hours away from Sarajevo. Situated amidst breathtaking mountains and rich with history, Goražde bravely survived an almost four year siege during the Bosnian war. Over the course of three days, participants will delve into the city's history, meet some of the city's inhabitants who survived the Bosnian war defending their homes against all odds while other cities along the Drina river fell to the enemy, including visits to landmarks and former war trenches, all while soaking in the stunning natural surroundings.

MONDAY, JULY 29: we return to Sarajevo where the program concludes with a final day of reflection

TUESDAY, JULY 30: departure day.

To ensure a smooth start, we recommend arriving in Sarajevo by **SUNDAY, JULY 21.**

We expect full participation from each participant during the project week and we kindly ask you to take this into consideration before applying.

ORGANIZERS:

Kuma International (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Kreisau Initiative e.V. (Berlin, Germany) in cooperation with other European partners.

SHORTLISTED DETAILS ABOUT SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Date: July 22nd to July 30th, 2024

Place: Sarajevo and Goražde, Bosnia Herzegovina

Number of participants: 25

Application deadline: June 1, 2024

Language: English



WHO CAN APPLY?

We are welcoming participants with a profile in variety of disciplines, including art, history, sociology, and political science who are passionate about exploring the complexities of post-conflict societies through the lens of visual arts and are eager to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration.

PARTICIPATION FEE:

The participation fee differs by region and it covers training and all other program-related costs, as well as accomodation and travel costs. Please look up the fees by region:

REGION 1 - **150.00 EUR** - European Union countries and EFTA countries

REGION 2 - **50.00 EUR** - European Union candidate countries

REGION 3 - **30.00 EUR** - European Union potential candidate countries, European Neighbourhood Policy - ENP countries (South and East).

Participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina can have their fee fully covered as a scholarship by making a request in the application form.

In case that you are not coming from the above mentioned countries, please reach out to Claudia Zini (claudia.zini@kumainternational.org) and ask for the participation fee and conditions for your potential participation.

TRAVEL COSTS:

We reimburse travel costs in accordance with the distance band of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The distance band of maximum reimbursement per participant is based on this distance calculator (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>):

- Between 10 and 99 km: 23 € rate of maximum reimbursement
- Between 100 and 499 km: 180 € rate of maximum reimbursement
- Between 500 and 1999 km: 275 € rate of maximum reimbursement
- Between 2000 and 2999 km: 360 € rate of maximum reimbursement

The reimbursement of travel costs is possible for all participants from European Union, EFTA countries, European Union candidate countries, European Union potential candidate countries, European Neighbourhood Policy - ENP countries (South and East).



HOW TO APPLY?

The application is available on the following link:

<https://kreisauinitiative.wufoo.com/forms/kuma-international-school-2024/>

The application deadline for the Kuma International Summer School is **June 1st**. However, our acceptance process operates on a rolling basis. This means that applications will be reviewed as they are received, and candidates will be accepted until we reach our maximum capacity of 25 participants. Therefore, we encourage interested individuals to submit their applications as soon as possible to increase their chances of being accepted.

Early applicants have a greater opportunity to secure a spot in the program, as we will accept qualified candidates on a first-come, first-served basis until all spots are filled. We aim to notify applicants of their acceptance status within a few weeks of receiving their application.

So, don't wait until the deadline—apply early to secure your place at the Kuma International Summer School!

CONTACT:

In case you have any questions, please contact Claudia Zini via e-mail: claudia.zini@kumainternational.org, or Kerim Somun via e-mail: somun@kreisau.de



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