

# Welcome to study **Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art** MA programme

We warmly welcome you to study at the Master's Programme in *Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art* at Aalto University School of Art, Design and Architecture!

We are excited to start next year with you as new students. We want to offer you an inspiring learning environment, a supportive community of fellow students and professionals, and tools to develop your skills and knowledge in the best possible way. Studies at Aalto University provide excellent opportunities for networking both nationally and internationally.

The academic year begins with ARTS orientation in Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of September. We will meet during the orientation week - and you will learn about the practicalities and get to know the variety of study and leisure related opportunities you have as a student at Aalto University. You will also meet your new fellow students and staff of your own department who will guide you with planning your studies. Our ViCCA-courses will start after the orientation. Expect more detailed information about starting your studies and the orientation schedule by email during the summer. You can find our program web pages here: <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enviccam>

We encourage you to re/locate yourself in the capital-region in the beginning of the fall. However due to exceptional circumstances with Covid-19 we will aim at finding ways to support the start of the studies in case it is necessary, e.g. if you are not able to arrive to Aalto University in the end of August, or we are not allowed to meet face to face.

The ViCCA-program will aim to find a suitable location off-campus (likely within Helsinki) with a lot of fresh air and hopefully a good weather for the Introduction-course. This course has been an insightful experience for our first-year students and permanent faculty to spend few days working together off-campus (in these years, following the recommended Covid19 regulations). We hope that the most of you are able to attend this course in person – and for those of you who cannot we aim to include you into tasks via network.

Looking forward to meeting you this fall!

Best regards on behalf of ViCCA-faculty:

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