

LAB — Artistic Resistance, Political Resilience

Part of Desterradxs × UTOPIA Kiosk Stuttgart

WHAT IS THIS?

Artistic Resistance, Political Resilience is a week-long residency and collaborative learning space for artists, community organizers, and researchers from all disciplines. The Lab brings together practitioners to share their practices, learn from one another, and collectively explore the role of art as a tool for resistance, solidarity, and political imagination.

WHERE & WHEN

2–7 August 2025

UTOPIA Kiosk, Lazarettstraße 5, 70182 Stuttgart, Germany

Arrival: Sunday, 2 August — evening, collective dinner

Lab starts: Monday, 3 August (morning)

Lab ends: Thursday, 6 August (evening)

Departure: Friday, 7 August

WHO CAN APPLY?

We welcome artists, community organizers, and researchers from all disciplines and backgrounds — whether your practice is rooted in visual art, performance, writing, music, digital media, community organizing, research, or any other form entirely. This space is built for those working from decolonial and/or queer perspectives.

6 participants will be selected — 3 based locally in Stuttgart, 3 from outside the region.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Lab is based on the **Teach One, Learn One** peer-learning model. Every participant is both a learner and a facilitator — each person contributes a session of approximately 2 hours from their own practice, knowledge, or experience. There are no teachers and no students, just practitioners in conversation with one another.

As part of your application, you will be asked to propose a session you would like to offer to the group.

Participation for the entire duration of the Lab is required. Working languages: English and/or German.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- €250 artist fee
- €100 travel contribution for participants based outside the Stuttgart region
- Dinner on Sunday evening

- Breakfast and lunch Monday to Thursday
- Accommodation with local hosts (from Sunday evening to Friday morning, for those who need it)

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the Google Form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxtIPH_aTE6dN-MOQhWGMGN9soQ3qr1GFJ1g1z9fmb2W55Vw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid;=114614028757484814333

Deadline: 22 June 2025 at 23:59

You will hear back by: 1 July 2025

APPLICATION QUESTIONS — prepare your answers in advance

- 1 How does your artistic or creative practice intersect with resistance and politics?
- 2 What do you resist, challenge, or question through your work?
- 3 How does your practice connect to decolonial and/or queer perspectives?
- 4 What would you like to gain from the Lab week?
- 5 What would you like to offer as your Teach One session? Describe what it's about, how you'd run it, and any materials or equipment you might need.
- 6 Do you have any accessibility needs or other requirements for participating?

Please also attach your portfolio or examples of your work — images, links, videos, or other relevant materials are all welcome.

QUESTIONS?

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UTOPIA Kiosk is a small, DIY queer art and culture space in Stuttgart — part bar, part community space, part exhibition and event space. We are not a polished institution, and we would not want to be.