TROLL CAMP

SUMMER SCHOOL
Riga + Kuldīga (LV)
13 — 17 July 2026

TROLLING (ETC.) AS COOL-CRITICAL SPATIAL PRACTICE

Art Academy of Latvia + KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture + Oslo National Academy of the Arts + Academy of Fine Arts Vienna + Vilnius Academy of Arts

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A mischievous summer school

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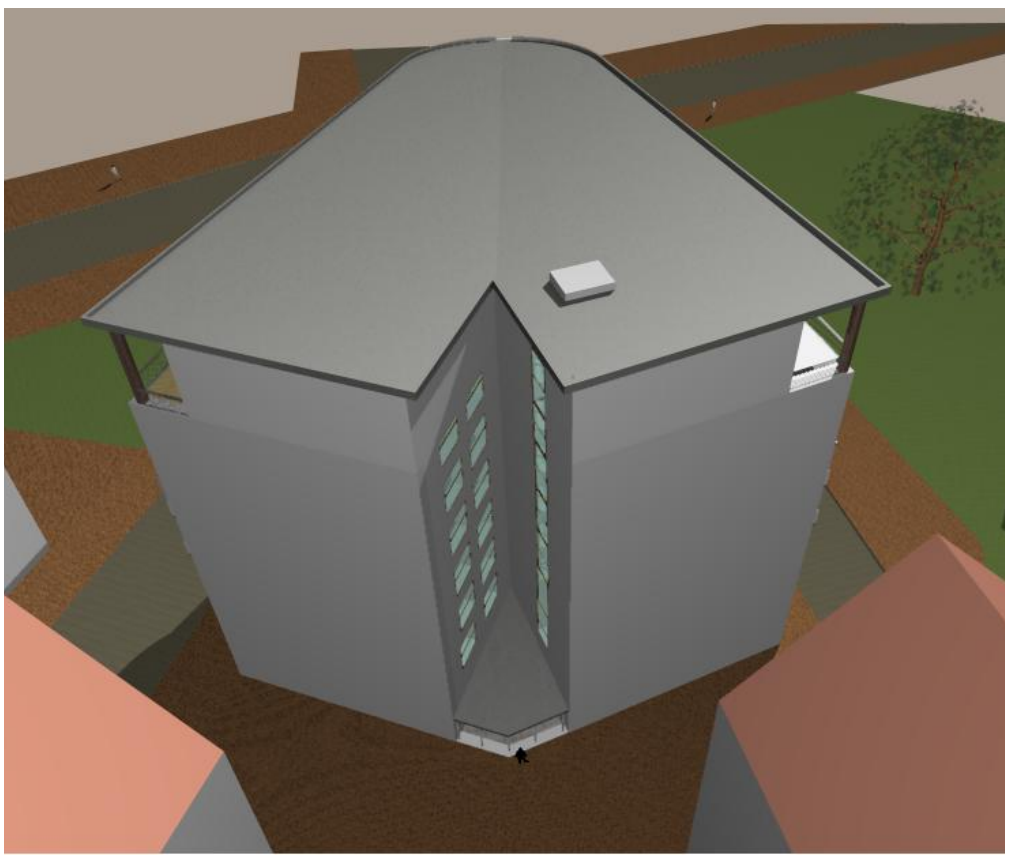
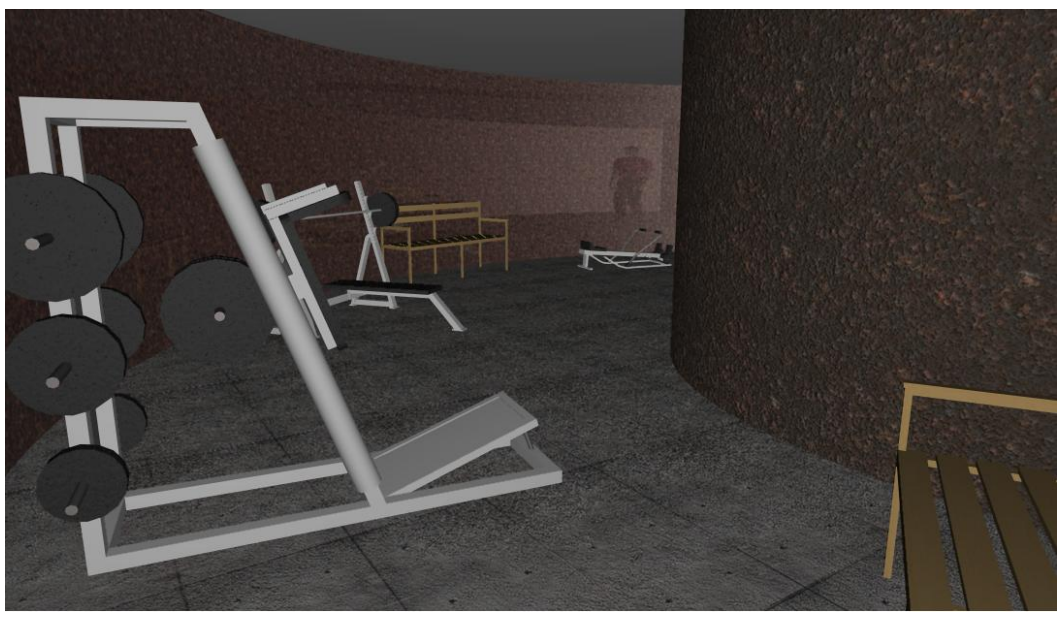




TROLL CAMP is a 5-day immersive summer school hosted at the Kuldīga campus of the Art Academy of Latvia, transforming the site into a laboratory of spatial trolling.

<u>Who are the trolls?</u>

Between 2016–2017, a series of anonymous entries to Latvian architecture competitions disrupted the scene with poetic absurdity, sugar-coated metaphors, and radical detachment from pragmatic concerns. Seven propositions can be identified as created by the same author, which we call LAT - Latvian Architecture Trolls. LAT never revealed themselves, and their work remains enigmatic, unpublished and, potentially, strangely influential.

In the summer of 2026, ten years after the brief but brilliant flare of the Latvian architectural trolls, we return to inhabit their spirit.

What will we do?

At TROLL CAMP, we won't blow the trolls' cover. Instead, we will become them, or rather, become students of them, and extend their legacy.

Through workshops, action research and design provocations, we will explore the tactics, aesthetics, and politics of anonymous architectural interventions and prefigurations. The camp includes a two-day expedition into Riga, tracing the sites and stories of the original troll collective's competition entries, part pilgrimage, part urban performance. We will draw parallels with diverse traditions of defiant spatial practices and, by extending the LAT practice, explore: how can anonymous collectives still challenge (architectural) culture today? Can fan fiction be a format for spatial critique? Can trolling be a form of care?

Outcome

The summer school will result in a publication blending the LAT work with our freshly developed trolling work.
Participants will receive 3 ECTS for attending the full program.

Who can apply?

Architecture, design and art students, young practitioners, and critical spatial thinkers who are:

- Curious about alternative modes of practice;
- Interested in disciplinary competition cultures, satire, and speculative design;
- Ready to work collectively, anonymously, and provocatively;
- KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture: 1st Master students (architecture, urban planning, interior design)

Candidates are selected based on the content of their application and motivation. The final decision on scholarship awards is made by sending institutions.

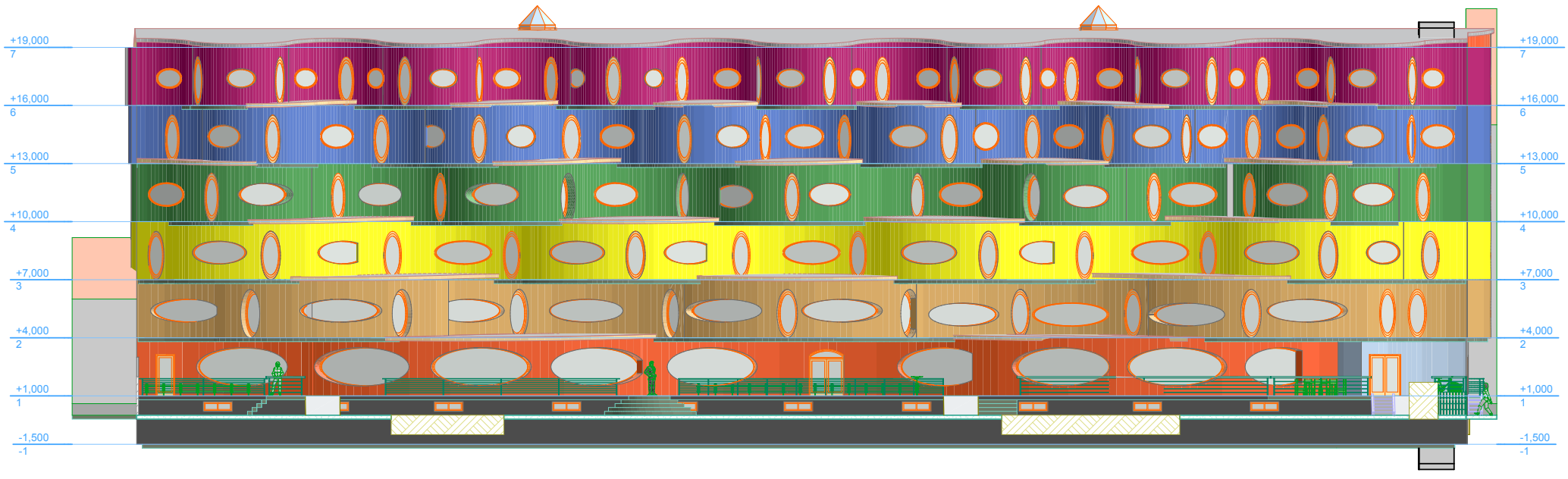
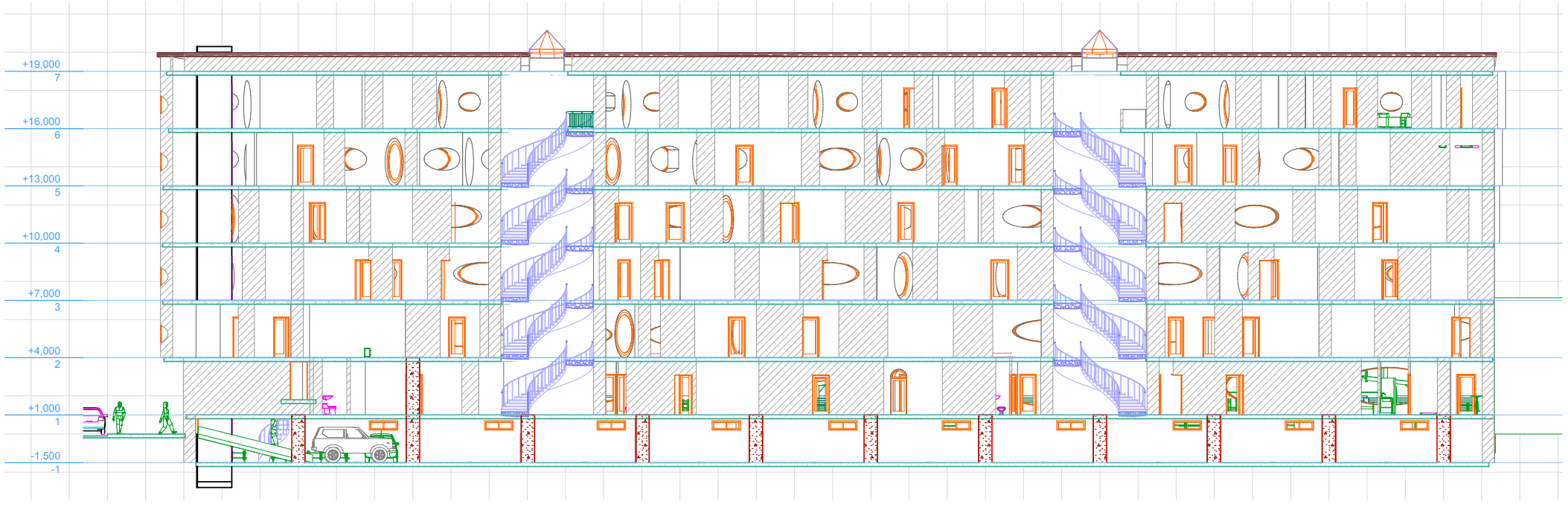
The scholarship covers:

- travel (according to Erasmus+ and sending institutions location)
- 79 EUR per day (for workshop days)
- lectures, seminars, and study trips (covered by Art Academy of Latvia)
- cultural activities included in the programme (covered by Art Academy of Latvia)

Application deadline:
10 April 2026

Applicants must submit:

- CV (or portfolio)
- letter of motivation
- proof of student status

All applicants will be informed of the scholarship competition results by e-mail within 2 weeks after the application deadline.

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