



## BALTIC SEA REGION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE GROUP

### Continuous Professional Development in Landscape Architecture

Session One, Spring 2022

## Urban Open Space for Developing Democracy in a Civil Society

Friday May 20, 2022 14.00 – 17.50 EET (13.00 – 16.50 CET)

**Register before** 18:00 EET, May 19, 2022 at: <https://bit.ly/BSRLA2022S>

**Place:** Zoom *we will send connection link to the registered participants.*

### AGENDA

<b>14:00–14:10</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Przemysław Kowalski PL, Teele Nigola EE, Indra Purs LV, Gintaras Stauskis LT</i>
14:10-14:40 Q&A	<b>A Look at Democracy as Freedom. Freedom of Landscape</b> <i>KSENIA NICHOLS (Pechiy), IvanoFrankiivsk, Ukraine</i>
14:40-15:10 Q&A	<b>Designing Inclusive Open Spaces: From Intentions to Output</b> <i>GINTARAS STAUSKIS, Vilnius Tech, Lithuania</i>
15:10-15:40 Q&A	<b>Towards the Democratic Shape of Undemocratic Plaza in the Heart of Warsaw</b> <i>MIŁOSZ ZIELIŃSKI, Chair of Landscape Architecture, Cracow University of Technology, Poland</i>
<b>15:40-15:50</b>	<b>Fitness break</b>
15:50-16:20 Q&A	<b>Public Space's Changes in Strasbourg's City Centre, Between 1970 and 2000, Controversies and Innovations</b> <i>TRISTAN SIEBERT, Strasbourg, France</i>
16.20-16.50 Q&A	<b>Public Open Space as a Contribution to Democratic Processes, City of Ventspils</b> <i>LILITA SPROĢE, City of Ventspils, Latvia</i>
16.50-17.20 Q&A	<b>Affordances as a Tool of Democracy in the Open Space</b> <i>TEELE NIGOLA, Tartu, Estonia</i>
17.20-17.50 Q&A	<b>Socially Sustainable Landscape Architecture</b> <i>VARPU MIKOLA, Helsinki, Finland</i>
<b>17:50-18:00</b>	<b>Discussion. Closing</b>

**Ksenia Nichols** Ksenia was born in very small town in West Ukraine — Ivano-Frankivsk. As a girl she dreamt of leaving the small provincial town. Still, she got a diploma at the Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk at 2000, as a specialist of art and drawing (5 years of studies) to become a lecturer at the university. Instead of that, she had three different jobs before she came back to design. It started in an advertising company “A-group” in Kyiv. From that company she moved to a business of decorative stones for landscape design (making lakes, waterfalls, etc.) Their designer taught her, and they started to work together in landscape design. One day she introduced herself to a large landscape design company “LD-group” in Kyiv. She told them that she had a dream to work with them and got hired. She finds this period to be the best of her professional career. She



started as a technical assistant, then did designing in small projects, which through years grew into bigger ones (2007-2015). There was always something new, visits to seminars, observing projects of famous designers from all over the world etc. She has been a student of other great designers, with whom she has been blessed to work. She mostly loves nature gardens, meadow gardens, more sustainable ones. Still, in her portfolio are enough gardens, which must be maintained every week, with the help of a team of gardeners.

**Teele Nigola** is a landscape architect and spatial planner in engineering company Kobras AS. She completed her studies on the master level in 2014 and gained Bachelor degree in Landscape Architecture in 2007. She was a board member of the Estonian Landscape Architects' Union from 2011 until 2017 and the delegate for International Federation of Landscape Architects from 2014 until now. In the recent years she has been active in consulting different local governments concerning the process of general planning. Contact: [teele@kobras.ee](mailto:teele@kobras.ee)

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**Varpu Mikola** holds a master's degree in landscape architecture from Helsinki University of Technology (2009). After graduation, she gained professional experience in private sector designing urban and residential green areas as well as working with landscape planning and planning policies. In Aalto University, she worked as a university teacher in the field of landscape planning and landscape management. In 2015, she co-founded Nomaji Landscape Architects with three colleagues. The office is a forerunner in socially and ecologically responsible solutions with endeavour to make benefits of living infrastructure recognized. [varpu@nomaji.fi](mailto:varpu@nomaji.fi)

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