

# international forum citizenship through aesthetics

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### The International Forum Aesthetics and Citizenship is officially launched

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From October 15 to 19, 2025, Ponta Delgada will host the first edition of the International Forum Aesthetics and Citizenship — a new space for gathering, thinking, and acting at the intersection of art, politics, imagination, and community.

The Forum is rooted in the belief that how we see, listen, move, and create — matters. Aesthetics is not a luxury: it is an essential part of building a more critical, sensitive, and engaged form of citizenship.

Designed as a hybrid project, with in-person sessions and online meetings, the Forum proposes accessible, horizontal formats that break away from traditional conference models. Over five days, in various locations across the island of São Miguel — from auditoriums to taverns, hair salons, and thermal baths — it will activate conversations, public interventions, and moments of shared reflection. The event also includes a digital unconference, shaped by the participants themselves, artistic interventions in public space, and multiple ways for both local and international communities to engage.

With no presence on social media, the Forum uses a curated newsletter as its main communication channel, sharing updates, ideas, and questions that don't yet have answers.

The Forum is for those who critically reflect on the role of art in society: artists, researchers, students, journalists, activists, neighbours, visitors, and all those who are restless — or quietly curious.

Different ways to participate are already available on the official website:

- Purchase a ticket to attend in person
- Submit a proposal to the open call
- Register for the digital unconference
- or subscribe to the newsletter to follow the process closely.

The full programme — including the names of national and international guests — will be announced in September 2025, in a second press release.

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**LINKS** 

Official website: https://aestheticivitas.org/