

# KAUNAS PHOTO invites to check the limits of the comfort zone

On 7th of September, Friday, the XV-th KAUNAS PHOTO Festival invites to visit two exhibition places. At 4pm – Lithuanian Museum of Education History and at 5 PM The opening ceremony of photo exhibitions will take place at the National Art Museum of M. K. Čiurlionis, M. Žilinskas Art Gallery. The organisers of the festival will invite visitors to discover the “Comfort Zone” – the main keynote of KAUNAS PHOTO festival this year.

At the Lithuanian Museum of Education History KAUNAS PHOTO will introduce photography admirers to the work of two authors. In the series “Close to the ground, far from heaven” Polish photographer **Michał Adamski** will reveal the peculiarities of communities living in the provinces of Poland – their strong connection to traditions and the endless desire to change at the same time. And the second exposition – Turkish **Öncü Hrant Gültekin** – about the stolen Armenian cemetery.



© Öncü Hrant Gültekin "Stolen Armenian Cemeteries"

On the third floor of Mykolas Žilinskas Art Gallery, the **KAUNAS PHOTO** Festival will present an exhibition dedicated to the world-wide Lithuanian photography "Šeinius + Scheynius". For the first time there will be displayed **Ignas Šeinius** photographs that reveal an unknown personality of a Lithuanian diplomat, journalist and writer. Next to these photographs will be the works of the great-granddaughter's and a famous artist's **Lina Scheynius** (Sweden), who will inaudibly argue with the photos of their grandfather's holiday photographs.



© Lina Scheynius

Visitors will be invited to continue searching of the “Comfort Zone” by visiting the group exhibition “Home Sweet Home” by the authors: **Evžen Sobek** (Czech Republic), **Rubi Lebovitch** (Israel), **Rebeca Cordero** (Mexico), **Superultraextra duo: Ewa Bold & Patryk Hadas** (Poland) where everyone will grope the motive of nostalgia.





© Rubi Lebovitch "Home Sweet Home"

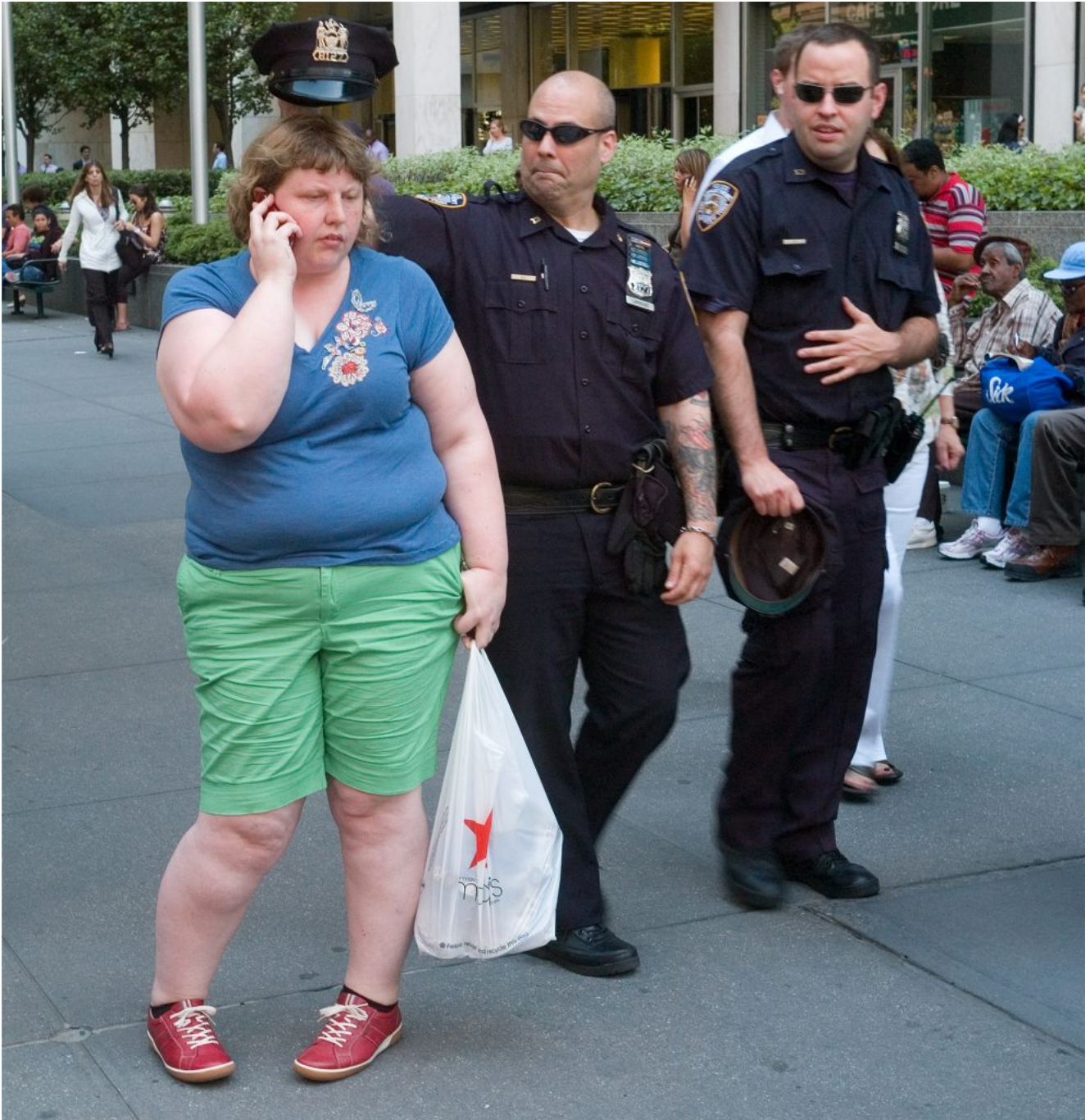
On the first floor of the gallery, guests will notice the game "Kaunopolis" – the result of **KAUNAS PHOTO'S** artistic residence, which the Spanish photographer **Conchi Martínez** has developed in Kaunas in May. We will find unseen, or maybe long ago forgotten places of our city in Kaunas. **Poike Stomps**, a Dutch photographer's exhibition "Crossing Europe", will be located here also.



© Poike Stomps "Crossing Europe"

The exhibition openings will be crowned by the group exhibition "Comfort Zone". In the series "Wait Watchers" American photographer **Haley Morris-Cafiero** will be entertaining, but will also invite to the dialogue about bullying culture; **Vladimir Antaki** (France / Canada) in "Family Portrait" will introduce the war refugees in front of the background of luxury and chaos of the capital of France; Finnish **Lasse Lecklin** photography "The Most Beautiful Nuclear Power Plants in Europe" will take a tour of Europe and its wondrous nuclear power plants and invite to reflect on one's comfort zone boundaries; Lithuanian **Tadas Kazakevičius** "Soon To Be Gone" will force us to think about the fragility of time, and **Florian Müller's** (Germany) work "Hashtags Unplugged" will invite you to discuss solitude in a digital social environment.





© Haley Morris-Cafiero "Wait Watchers"

All throughout September, until 13th of October, the **KAUNAS PHOTO** Festival will entertain with tours in exhibitions, meetings with exhibition artists and guests, and on the evening – with photography projections. Meanwhile, the festival's photography exhibitions in the open air, opened in the early summer in various Kaunas city public spaces: **Joana P Cardozo** (USA), "Blueprints, our home is the reflection of ourselves", at the foot of the Žaliakalnis Funicular **Robert Dash** (USA) "Micro climate change", **Anup Shah** (UK) "Migrations"

in the Lithuanian Zoological Garden and **Emilija Petrauskienė** (Lithuania) in the Botanical Garden of the VMU "Silver Garden" will be open until the end of October. A comprehensive program of festival events is available on the Kaunas Photo website >>

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