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# FASHION ACADEMIES, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Educational programmes specifically designed.

These include themed visits and in-depth courses focused on heritage, archives, and portfolios, relevant to various fields of higher education, advanced studies, specialisation, and professional development.

The Learning team is available at the time of booking to coordinate with teachers, ensuring all details and requirements are met for the successful execution of selected activity. This takes into account schedules, time availability, specific class needs, and number of participants.

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ROOM 409



# Archive exploration

Curated by **Virginia Dordei**

## DESCRIPTION

The ITS Academy Archive preserves and safeguards over 20 years of evolution in fashion and contemporary creativity. This extensive collection includes 14,840 project portfolios, 1,100 garments, 165 accessories, 120 pieces of jewellery, and over 700 photographic works. This in-depth exploration offers a unique opportunity to uncover an extraordinary story, told by someone who, from the beginning, has been dedicated to preserving this heritage of art and beauty for both the present and future. The philosophy, conservation and restoration techniques, objectives, and strategies of this one-of-a-kind archive will be shared through historical and technical insights, anecdotes, images, and historical objects. These have been collected over two decades of fashion, accessories, jewellery, ideas, projects, and unconventional materials from designers around the world. The discussion will also focus on the future of creativity: responsible, circular, and inclusive.

## BIO

**Virginia Dordei** is the head of the ITS Academy Archive, overseeing the conservation, restoration, study, and lending processes of the ITS Foundation's heritage.

## PROGRAM

1. Cataloguing and archiving: the history of a creative archive
2. Collection analysis: conservation status, preservation supports, and storage
3. Examples and thematic insights: unconventional materials, cleaning, and restoration

## LANGUAGE

Italian, English

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# Portfolio analysis

Curated by **Michele Colucci**

## DESCRIPTION

ITS Arcademy has received 14,840 creative project portfolios from 80 countries, now meticulously organised on the shelves of the ITS Arcademy Library. This collection is a unique treasure trove of ideas, inspirations, techniques, and materials, offering an exclusive glimpse into the private and singular creative processes of each artist. The portfolios have arrived in various forms: simple paper envelopes, boxes, attached to balloons, encased in a block of concrete to be chiselled away, and even in a block of ice to be melted. This workshop aims to help students find the keys to understanding, or beginning to understand, their own creative universe and build a portfolio based on personal projects, tastes, and preferences. The dialogue between inspirational sources and the items in the archive will enable participants to update their creative profiles and prepare for fashion selections and competitions.

## BIO

**Michele Colucci** has been involved for over 15 years in discovering creative talents selected by the ITS Contest, interviewing students and reviewing portfolios from around the world.

## PROGRAM

1. History of ITS Contest and ITS Arcademy
2. What makes a portfolio and its purpose
3. Each discipline has its own portfolio
4. Examples and best practices
5. Physical and digital portfolios

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# Conservation and Restoration of contemporary Fashion collections

Curated by **Virginia Dordei**

## DESCRIPTION

This workshop focuses on analysing the conservation status of contemporary fashion collections, preparing condition reports, evaluating the most suitable conservation methods, and identifying necessary restoration interventions.

## BIO

**Virginia Dordei** is the head of the ITS Arcademy Archive, overseeing the conservation, restoration, study, and lending processes of the ITS Foundation's heritage.

## PROGRAM

1. Cross-disciplinary methodologies and techniques for heritage preservation
2. Recovery and preventive conservation
3. New materials and conservation challenges
4. Creative archive of ITS: stories and special objects

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# Innovative materials for responsible Fashion

Curated by **Tina Gorjanc Safthalter**

## DESCRIPTION

This workshop delves into the use of innovative materials in responsible fashion. Drawing on numerous examples of unusual and intriguing materials from the ITS Arcademy collection, the course explores the challenges of the apparel production system, contrasting traditional fabrics with innovative ones. It examines the designer's role in the supply chain and concludes with an in-depth analysis of the ITS Arcademy Material Archive, a special educational collection showcasing some of the most interesting examples of innovative materials, from bioengineering to upcycling.

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## BIO

**Tina Gorjanc Safthalter** is a Slovenian designer and researcher. Her work integrates speculative design practices and product critique with innovative scientific procedures. She has developed learning programs for Somerset House in London, TEDI-London, and School of Arts and Creative Industries at East London University. She has also been a senior lecturer at Central Saint Martins and London College of Fashion.

## PROGRAM

1. Introduction to innovation in textile production and processing
2. Biological alternatives, carbon-negative materials, and recycling
3. ITS Material Archive: a deep dive into ecological and innovative materials





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