



ruangrupa

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ruangrupa (loosely translated from Bahasa Indonesia as “space form” (lit.) or “a space for art”) is a Jakarta-based collective, established in 2000 by seven young artists. The collective strives to support art within urban and cultural contexts by involving artists and people from other disciplines in giving critical perspectives on contemporary urban issues in Indonesia. ruangrupa has changed its format and organizational structure a few times. In 2018, together with two other Jakarta-based art collectives, Serrum and Grafis Huru Hara, they initiated GUDSKUL: Contemporary Art Collective and Ecosystem Studies. ruangrupa is the artistic director of documenta 15 in Kassel, Germany, 2022—notably the first Asians and the first art collective to curate it.

ruangrupa is one of the important markers in the development of Indonesian contemporary art. Having emerged in an atmosphere of freedom after the fall of the New Order regime, they have come to provide alternative models for artistic production, especially in Jakarta. The spaces they form are also important in offering young artists, curators, and art writers opportunities to experiment and engage with the public.



ruangrupa (Documenta team), 2019
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ruangrupa (Documenta team), 2019
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ruangrupa/Gudskul Ekosistem, 2019
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Related Links

Websites

- A wikipedia page of ruangrupa <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruangrupa>
- ruangrupa website <https://ruru.ruangrupa.org/>
- Interview about Documenta with ruangrupa https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BoaEMRoj5Y&ab_channel=Goethe-InstitutIndonesien
- ruangrupa "video profile" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7exS63wmUCo&ab_channel=ruangrupajakarta

Articles

- A conversation with ruangrupa <https://curatography.org/extended-living-room-space-and-conversation-conversation-by-ruangrupa/>

- A research website about collective in Asia by Ogawa Nozomu
<https://alternativeasia.net/en/report/1723/>
- ruangrupa as Curatorship, articles by David Teh
<https://www.afterall.org/journal/issue.30/who-cares-a-lot-ruangrupa-as-curatorship>
- Interview with ruangrupa by Nuraini Juliastuti
<https://www.afterall.org/journal/issue.30/ruangrupa-a-conversation-on-horizontal-organisation>
- Interview with ruangrupa by Art It https://www.art-it.asia/u/admin_ed_feature/wlo8p0ohmuqslchtjaye