TEXTILES FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD - WRAPPING CLOTH

The topic for the lecture is an artistic research project related to death, rites and textiles. At a loom in HDK, University of Gothenburg, we are weaving very small blankets. Through them – in the form a cross disciplinary study at hospitals – we investigate the need of a wrapping cloth for stillborn babies, misscarriages and in some cases after late abortions. It is about dressing the dead body.

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THE LECTURE WILL BE IN ENGLISH AND IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

