COURSE DETAIL

IMMERSION: CONCEPTS, MEDIA, CONTEXTS
Country Germany
Host Institution Humboldt University Berlin
Program(s) Humboldt University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Film & Media Studies
UCEAP Course Number 106
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title IMMERSION: CONCEPTS, MEDIA, CONTEXTS
UCEAP Transcript Title IMMERSION
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
The seminar is dedicated to immersion as a thematic framework for a cultural-scientific access to the world of things. The current discussions about virtual reality raise questions about the basics of immersion, which are not unknown to other areas of knowledge. Thus, research on cinema, radio, or games as well as philosophical-ontological theoretical approaches can be combined with current debates. Topics are discussed on at least two levels in order to create immersion: on the one hand as technical media of illusion, simulation, and proximity, which in the case of success tend to become transparent; on the other hand, as medially experienced things that can change depending on the immersion strategy between realism and fictionality. The context of immersion includes the doctrine of the doubting, wherein a world becomes problematic in a specific way, for example, Plato's allegory of the cave, Descartes's meditations, and modern narratives of the “matrix.” Also discussed in the seminar are the debates about the dangers of immersion, to which an unbroken distance from the world of things can become a psychic or even epistemic problem. In addition to reading theoretical as well as practical texts, the seminar also serves as a basis for a discussion of the media of immersion as a basis for the joint discussion.

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