

Why Images Matter

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Are images representations of reality? Copies of what exists anyway, irrespective of whether there is any image of it? Or, on the contrary, are images means of discovery, showing something which would otherwise be inaccessible? What is their ontological and epistemic status?

This course is about such questions. We are going to read and discuss some classical texts from Plato, Wittgenstein, and Merleau-Ponty.

Reading List

Plato: *Republic*. (excerpts)

Plato: *Meno*.

Plato: *Thaetetus*.

Wittgenstein, Ludwig. 2009⁴. *Philosophical Investigations*. Trans. P.M.S. Hacker and Joachim Schulte. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Merleau-Ponty, Maurice. 1962. *The Phenomenology of Perception*. Trans. Smith, Colin. London and New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul. (excerpts)