

## MEVIT4710 – Screen Histories and Theories

Take home exam, Autumn 2023

The exam opens on Monday 11 December at 11:00 AM. The submission deadline is Thursday 14 December at 11:00 AM.

The exam must be submitted as a PDF-file in Inspira (more about this below).

**The exam overview consists of 2 pages. You must answer two out of seven questions.**

- Before you start writing your exam submission, you must ensure that you have read and understood the University of Oslo's information about cheating:  
<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/cheating/index.html>
- You must use a reference style (such as Harvard, MLA, Chicago or APA) throughout your exam submission, and in the bibliography/reference list at the end of the submission. Therefore, you must also read the University's guidelines:  
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### EXAM QUESTION/TEXT:

Write **two** essays based on **two** of the following seven questions. Make sure to spend an approximately equal amount of words for both essays.

1. What makes a screen "screen"? Discuss.
  2. What kinds of meanings and functions did the camera obscura acquire in early modern European thought?
  3. Discuss the magic lantern's early history (until early nineteenth century) in relation to issues of imagination and illusion.
  4. How did the stereoscope imply a "radical repositioning of the observer's relation to visual representation," according to Jonathan Crary?
  5. What was significant to the panorama as a visual experience?
  6. How did photography challenge the concept of visual representation?
  7. How would you situate current machine learning practices in the longer history of screen cultures from the early modern period onwards?
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More information about the exam:

- [Information about home examinations in Inspera from The University of Oslo.](#)
- You may submit your exam in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English.
- You must submit your exam in Inspera by uploading your answer as a PDF file. Your front page must include your candidate number that you find in Studentweb, the course code and the course name as well as semester and year. The name of the file you upload should be your candidate number (for example 1234.pdf)
- Inspera closes precisely and automatically at 11:00 AM, so you must upload your file at latest 10:59 AM.
- Courses of 10 ECTS normally requires an exam of 10 pages (one page is calculated to ca 2300 characters without spaces) excluding front page and references.
- [Frequently asked questions before and during exams at IMK](#)
- Course coordinator Pasi Väliäho can be contacted through e-mail at [pasi.valiaho@ifikk.uio.no](mailto:pasi.valiaho@ifikk.uio.no), and will answer questions regarding the exam submitted until 13:00 on the first day of the exam (Monday 11 December).
- **The exam results will be published in Studentweb within three weeks. Results will not be revealed by phone or e-mail.**