

**Code: BMA-FLMD-322.55  
BMI-FLMD-322E.23**

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**Course title: Do Images Matter?**

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**Course convenors:** Sándor Sajó

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**Class time and place:** Thursday 09:00-10:30, Múzeum krt. 6-8, groundfloor, room 40

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**Course type:** Seminar (**10 ECTS**) (Max. 8 p., only MA)

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**Course content:** 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.

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**Requirements:**

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**Indicative Reading: Reading List:**

Plato: Republic. (excerpts)

Plato: Meno.

Plato: Thaetetus.

Wittgenstein, Ludwig. 1953. Philosophical Investigations. Trans. G.E.M. Anscombe. Oxford: Blackwell. (excerpts)

Wittgenstein, Ludwig. 1969. The Blue and Brown Books. Preliminary Studies for the "Philosophical Investigations". Oxford: Blackwell. (excerpts)

Wittgenstein, Ludwig. 1974. *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Trans. D. F. Pears and B. F. McGuinness. London and New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul. (excerpts)

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

Merleau-Ponty, Maurice. 1964. In Praise of Philosophy. Trans. J. Wild & J.M. Edie, Evanston: Northwestern University Press. (excerpts)