

Code: FLMD-322E.23

Course title: Do Images Matter?

Course convenors: Sándor SAJÓ

Class time and place: Wednesday 12:30-14:00 251

Course type: Seminar

Course content: What is an image? A representation of reality? A copy 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.

Requirements: Regular attendance and an essay.

Learning outcomes: Understanding philosophy, improvement of discussion skills.

Indicative Reading: 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. 1964. *In Praise of Philosophy*. Trans. J. Wild & J.M. Edie, Evanston: Northwestern University Press. (excerpts)
