ARTS 445 New Media Special Topics (Art + Place)



What is place? Is it a location? An idea? A memory? How are the boundaries of places created? Enforced? Changed?

This course will explore various ways to consider these questions, and more, without purporting to offer proven answers. While contemporary visual art serves as our primary field of inquiry, we will approach the problems of place through multiple disciplines and forms including architecture, sociology, geography, tourism, literature, and cinema.

The structure of this course is a combination of the seminar model and studio workshop. There will be readings, film screenings, field trips and, of course, making/performing art. Who is this class for?

Juniors, Seniors and Graduate Students in any discipline are welcome. No prior experience in art is necessary.

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