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Prof. Dr. Robin Curtis (Universität Düsseldorf)

Waiting, Wandering, and Wondering: “Post-Cinematic” Spaces in the Multiple Present



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To navigate implies an orientation in and identification of the relationship between self, other, and the relative location of each in time and space: Roadmaps, signs, previously trodden pathways, or points of transition between discrete spatial entities (such as bridges or border crossings) all traditionally have been understood to stand at our disposal as visible markers to accomplish this task. However, electronic and digital media increasingly embellish, modify, and question the manner in which the contours of space are outlined, thus altering and expanding the interactions at work in these movements. In her talk, Prof. Curtis considers some contemporary encounters with media and mediatized environments and highlights the presence of networks of possibilities within them.

Robin Curtis is Professor of Audio-Visual Media at the University of Düsseldorf. Born in Toronto, she received her Ph.D. from FU Berlin and has also worked as a filmmaker and curator. She is currently completing a book manuscript on *Immersion and Abstraction*.