UC Santa Barbara Memory Studies Reading Group presents Harun Farocki's movie Images of the World and the Inscription of War (1988)

Monday, March 4, 2019 7:00pm, HSSB 1173

Dr. Ute Holl, Max Kade Visiting Professor, Winter 2019

(Germanic and Slavic Studies & Comparative Literature), will introduce the movie & moderate our post-screening discussions.





Ute Holl is Professor of Media Aesthetics at the University of Basel. She writes on the history of perception in the 19th & 20th cent.; science & technology studies of audiovisual media; media history of acoustics, electroacoustics & radio theory;

experimental & ethnographic cinema. Her books include: Kino, Trance und Kybernetik (Berlin, 2002), on cinematic perception, anthropological filmmaking & cybernetics as critical epistemology (Cinema, Trance and Cybernetics, Amsterdam UP, 2017); and Moses-Komplex (Zürich, 2014) on music, electro-acoustics and politics. In winter 2019, she is teaching a graduate seminar on Memory and Cinema.

Reading: Elsaesser, Thomas. "Harun Farocki: Filmmaker, Artist, Media Theorist." Harun Farocki. Working on the Sight-Lines. Ed. T. Elsaesser. Amsterdam UP, 2004. 11-40.

"After becoming every student film-club's favorite meditation on the media and modern warfare in the age of smart bombs and Operation Desert Storm, Images of the World quickly advanced to something of a classic: the reference film, the anchoring point for seminars on Paul Virilio, on the essay-film as a hybrid documentary but politically subversive film genre, on the 'limits of representation' after Auschwitz and Schindler's List, as well as - this needs to be rediscovered after September 11th - the definitive film about terrorism." -Thomas Elsaesser, Senses of Cinema (2002).

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