

El mal alumne

Critical pedagogy for
artificial intelligences

Estampa x
Eina Obra

2025–2026
Academic year

Academic Direction: Estampa (Roc Albalat, Pau Artigas, Marc Padró, Marcel Pié and Daniel Pitarch)
Dates: Thursdays, from May 14 to July 16, 2026
Schedule: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Language: Spanish / Catalan / English
Location: Eina Bosc – B0
Tuition: €780

We live immersed in a state of ongoing technological innovation and in the imaginaries that accompany it. But what is truly new in each novelty imposed upon us? This programme takes the recent development of Artificial Intelligence as a case study, examining it through the lens of visual culture and contemporary artistic practices.

From a critical standpoint, it seeks to investigate what lies behind the functioning of these technologies: how they relate to the ideology of big data, where the drive to automate processes originates, how they connect to the impulse to archive, and which discourses sustain them. The course aims to challenge the passivity these tools tend to impose and to explore ways of appropriating their possibilities from the margins.

Who is aimed at

This module is aimed at anyone interested in reflecting on our technological present, with a special focus on Artificial Intelligence and its impact on contemporary culture. It may be of particular interest to visual artists, filmmakers, designers, photographers, students of Art, Photography, and Design, as well as social educators, teachers, and graduates in audiovisual communication, sociology, humanities, anthropology, and political science.

Field of knowledge

Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Visual Culture.

Dynamics

10 theoretical and practical sessions of 3 hours.

Faculty

— Estampa

(Roc Albalat, Pau Artigas, Marc Padró, Marcel Pié and Daniel Pitarch)
An artistic collective of programmers, filmmakers, and researchers based in Barcelona. Their practice is grounded in a critical and archaeological approach to audiovisual and digital technologies, with particular emphasis on archival work and the tradition of experimental audiovisual practices.

— Jon Uriarte

Curator, researcher, and educator trained at the International Center of Photography in New York. His work focuses on the digital transformations of networked images.

— Higo Mental

(Ricardo Pérez-Hita Carrasco and Marta Sesé Fuente)

An artistic collective that produces counter-hegemonic narratives informed by feminist perspectives, using found audiovisual material from the internet to question contemporary visual imaginaries.

— Marc Villanueva

Artist and dramaturg associated with performing arts projects that explore alternative modes of relating to non-human life forms and microsocial processes, developing performative and installation-based works.

— Xesca Salvà

Scenographer, artist, and educator whose practice focuses on corporeality, environments, and the construction of relational scenic experiences.

— Alexandra Laudo

Curator and cultural practitioner whose research explores the intersections between image, critical thought, and contemporary curatorial practices. Her work questions ways of seeing and narrating, fostering debate and critical reflection.

Session 1 — On the exhibition The Art of Navigating. How to Get Lost in a World of Images
14/05
Jon Uriarte / Estampa

Session 2 — AI as automation: from the camera to perception
21/05
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Session 3 — Researching the present: lapsus linguae, metaphors, and paratexts of the digital world
28/05
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Session 4 — A permanent promise: the discourse of technological innovation and its social effects (dazzlement and the difficulty of seeing)
04/06
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Session 5 — Archive, big data, and datasets: drives toward accumulation and order
11/06
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Session 6 — Appropriating the tools.
Undisciplined technologies
18/06
Marc Villanueva & Xesca Salvà / Estampa

Session 7 — Technology as infrastructure:
materiality and labor power
25/06
Estampa

Session 8 — Repetitions and resonances: a
counter-history of technology
02/07
Estampa

Session 9 — Explaining the present: hybrid
forms of the video essay in the
performative lecture
09/07
Alexandra Laudo / Estampa

Session 10 — Generative AI as analysis and
parody (resonance models)
16/07
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Payment methods

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Account Holder: Fundació Eina

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Discounts

- 10% discount for members of the Eina community

Registration period

Open from January 30 to May 7, 2026

Questions

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Organization

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