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Fear and Desire: Human, Media, Technology

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Hybrid event

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6 pm CET, Room 1G and online
Venice International University, San Servolo Island



Fear of technology and technical devices is a recurring theme in modern Western thought. While on the one hand, these fears often reflect real problems, on the other a reconsideration of the notion of the “device” can help to frame these fears with more precision and awareness. This lecture will first analyze the evolution and concept of the device, and the interaction of humans with technology. The lecture will then focus on the tension and potential that arise from the aggregation of technology and technique (where technique refers to human ability). Finally, Prof. Casetti will examine the media as devices and the convergence of different media.

