## Introduction to the Department of Media

8—13 September, 2021 Department of Media Aalto ARTS

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#### noun

- the state or fact of being present, as with others or in a place.
- 2 attendance or company: Your presence is requested.
- immediate vicinity; proximity: in the presence of witnesses.

What is presence in our current times?
What does it mean to be 'present'?
What is presence for you?
What is presence from the point of view of your own field of practice?

What does presence do?
What does it look like?
How does it feel?
How to be present?

### Group assignment:

During Wednesday, Friday and Monday, discuss, compare, visualise and/or excercise different modes of presence.

For Monday afternoon, prepare a 5-10 minute performance/presentation/introduction for others (via zoom).

Today <u>Wednesday afternoon</u>, your group will get to know each other and start thinking about your own ideas and modes of presence.

(Thursday is for ARTS orientation)

On Friday morning 9.15–11, we hear talks by artists and designers to inspire you (zoom).

On <u>Friday afternoon 13–17</u>, you continue group work and meet with the teachers to talk about your ideas (zoom).

On Monday morning, your group can finalise your introduction.

Monday afternoon every group will introduce to all others their own take on presence (zoom).

Make the assignment your own!

#### SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

<u>Wednesday</u>

9.15–12.00
Programme
introductions+
forming
groups

13.00–17.00 Group work **Friday** 

9.15-11.00 Artist talks

- Harold Hejazi
- Anna Niskanen
- Eevi Rutanen

(& Q&A with teachers)

11.15–17.00
Group work
Groups meet
teachers

<u>Monday</u>

9.15–12.00 Group work

13.00-17.00 Introductions