



Workshop Reflection in Mirrors

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On the Role of Mirrors in the Making of the History of Vision

This workshop explores the application of mirrors and mirror reflections in a wide variety of fields including science, religion, the arts, media, law and politics, in the Middle East and Europe, during a time span stretching from medieval theories of scholars such as al-Ghazali or Ibn Haytham to the present Information Age. Some of the main questions that will be addressed are:

- What role did mirrors and mirror reflections have in forming a variety of knowledge fields, disciplines and practices? What implications did these roles have, in particular, for scientific and philosophical inquiries, artistic methods, and power structures across different time spans?
- What visual models do mirrors and mirror reflections infer, particularly with regard to the relationship between the observer and the observed? How can these models assist us in understanding visual materials concerned with self-images throughout the past few centuries?
- How to understand the contribution of these visual models, extracted from mirrors and their observation arrangements, to the history of vision as a whole? Could they provide us with an alternative vision regime to that of perspectivalism, widely regarded as the scopic regime of Modernity?

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