

# Welcome to the MA in Art and Media, major in Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art

A warm welcome to the Master's Programme in Art and Media, with major in *Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art* (ViCCA) at Aalto University's School of Art, Design and Architecture.

We aim to offer you an inspiring and stimulating collaborative learning environment and a supportive community of fellow students and professionals. Our priority is for you to develop your skills and knowledge in the best possible ways. Studying at Aalto University also will provide you with excellent opportunities for building networks nationally and internationally.

The academic year begins with ARTS Orientation week. This takes place from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of August to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2022. During this week, you will gain insights into studying at Aalto and will be provided with information about practical things such as enrollment and course registration, HOPS study plans and advisors, students unions, wellbeing support and Learning Services assistance, etc. The orientation week comprises a variety of events, including a range of online and on-campus activities to help you settle in. It is very important for you to attend the Orientation as the structure and courses of your programme and major will be unpacked in more details, you will meet the team that will support you throughout the 2-year study programme and you will make important connections with other students.

Our first ViCCA compulsory course, *Making Transdisciplinary work: an Introduction to ViCCA* will take place after the Orientation week alongside *Thinking Practices in Art and Media*, an MA level compulsory course. *Making Transdisciplinary work: an Introduction to ViCCA* will likely take place off-campus providing an insightful experience full of fresh air and (hopefully) sunlight and the chance to begin building the community that will be key in supporting your time at Aalto. You will have the opportunity to meet ViCCA faculty members and get a glimpse of their work and research interests. Expect more detailed information about the Orientation week and the start of your studies during the summer.

We encourage you to re/locate yourself in the region of Helsinki/Espoo on time to attend the Orientation week and the start of your MA programme. Should exceptional circumstances related to Covid-19 be put in place once again, we aim to find ways to support you starting your studies online. At this moment, however, we are planning to meet and teach on campus (Väre).

Looking forward to meeting you all,

All the best on behalf of ViCCA-faculty,  
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