Some critics have declared the present moment as the second space age. While the first space age led to the rise of satellites, WIFI, and the Internet of Things, the second is predicted to bring humanity closer than ever to space colonization and otherworldly economies of tourism and extraction. We will think through various tools and techniques that mediate the ungraspable space between earth, the moon, and other interstellar bodies (the telescope, the camera lens, the Sci-Fi novel and film, the television broadcasts of the Apollo missions, and the Mars rover digital feed). This advanced seminar is exploratory and practice-based, examining the medial aspects of speculative imagination. Throughout the course, students will respond to several exercise prompts, such as a short video essay, preliminary game schematics, an exhibition proposal, etc., and collectively engage with their peers' ideas and outputs.

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