

CfP: FFK#39: Film and Media Studies Colloquium (Halle, 11.–13.03.2026, Deadline: 17.11.2025)
Open Call

The Film- und Medienwissenschaftliche Kolloquium/Film and Media Studies Colloquium (ffk) is a non-institutionalized, specialist conference that takes place annually at a different city and university since 1988. The 39th ffk will be hosted by the Department of Media and Communication Studies at the Institute for Music, Media, and Speech Sciences at the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg at the Halle (Saale) location and will take place from the 11th to 13th of March 2026.

The colloquium focuses on current research trends within the mid-level academic community that contribute to the further development of research subjects in film, television, and media studies. Master's students, doctoral candidates, and postdocs are therefore particularly invited to present their research topics and projects –such as master's theses, dissertations, third-party funded projects, postdoctoral studies, habilitations, etc.– and open them up for discussion. We place great importance on ensuring that all submitted proposals are included in the colloquium program.

The ffk offers room for experimentation in both content and form and is therefore open to innovative and established approaches and ways of thinking and working. We also encourage submissions from those who work at the intersection between academia and audiovisual/multimedia art, theory and practice, and/or work in a scholarly-artistic or artistic-research capacity. In addition to the disciplinary exchange, there will also be informal social events that will provide even more opportunities to network and engage in conversations with one another.

Submission of scientific and artistic research contributions (open regarding both content and form)

Participation in ffk#39 is not subject to any thematic restrictions and is particularly open to alternative forms of contribution. The following formats can be submitted:

- **Presentations** (e.g., individual lectures, posters, video essays, performances, etc.)
- **Panels** (several presentations on an overarching topic)
- **Workshop discussions and alternative exchange formats** (e.g., writing workshop discussions, video essays, workshops, reading circles, etc.)

Contributions may be published after the conclusion of ffk#39 in the [ffk Journal](#), the colloquium's open access publication platform.

Submission

Regardless of the format you choose for your contribution, we require the following information from you:

- Name
- Institutional affiliation, if applies
- Contact details

Depending on the type of contribution, the following additional information is required:

- **For a presentation:** Short profile (max. 500 characters including spaces) and abstract (presentation title and brief summary of content, max. 2,000 characters including spaces). Duration of presentation: 10–20 minutes.
- **For panels:** Name of a contact person responsible for the panel, a moderator if required, and a panel abstract (max. 3,500 characters including spaces).
- **For workshop and alternative formats:** Please provide a title and the name of the person responsible for the format, specify the desired time slot (e.g., 80 minutes), and submit an abstract (a brief description of the content and, if applicable, organizational details of the project, max. 3,500 characters including spaces).

If you would like to develop a presentation format with others but are still looking for contributors, you can post your topic ideas on our [bulletin board](#). Here you will find a platform for exchanging ideas, planning formats, or getting to know people before the colloquium.

Submissions are accepted in German or English until the 17th of November 2025. All submissions (presentations, panels, workshop discussions, or alternative exchange formats) must be sent as a Word file to the following address: ffk39halle@gmail.com.

Registration and Participation

Regardless of submission, anyone interested in attending the colloquium can register using a registration form starting January 2026. This will be announced via common distribution lists and newsletters (e.g., GfM, NECS, H-Soz-Kult).

We plan to make the event free of charge. However, in the unlikely event that a participation fee is required to cover costs, it will not exceed €15. A reduced fee will apply for bachelor's and master's students. Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. All registered participants will receive further information about the colloquium and the detailed program by email prior to the event.

Inclusion and Family-friendliness

The ffk aims to be a platform for exchange and networking in film and media studies. As an organizing team, it is a central concern for us to make participation as accessible and uncomplicated as possible for everyone – regardless of individual life situations or possible limitations. We are aware that people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, care responsibilities, or other structural challenges often face undue barriers, including when it comes to accessing academic networks. We want to actively counteract some of these challenges to the best of our ability. Therefore, we ask you to let us know when registering how we can specifically support you. We take individual needs seriously and will do our best to find suitable solutions.

The following measures are already planned:

- **Accessibility:** The Mitteldeutsches Multimediazentrum (MMZ) building, where the main ffk program takes place, as well as the presentation rooms, is wheelchair accessible. We are also striving to make most of the events in the supporting program wheelchair accessible. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at any time!
- **Quiet room:** We will provide a dedicated quiet room.

- **Childcare:** Subject to the availability of funds, the organisation team is committed to offering support to presenters with children. We kindly request that you inform us of your needs upon submission or registration so we can discuss and arrange this in advance.
- **Nursing and changing area:** The MMZ is currently not equipped with a designated area for nursing and changing. The organization team is working to provide a suitable and quiet room for this purpose. Please let us know if you have any needs in this regard.
- **Travel expenses support:** We are currently working on a financial support option for speakers who are not affiliated with an institution and do not have the financial means to travel. Please contact us early if you require support.

Contact

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the organizing team at ffk39halle@gmail.com. You can also find us on Instagram at @ffk_kolloq and during the colloquium under the hashtag #ffk39.

The open call can be found [here](#) as a PDF file in English and German.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and would be happy if you could forward the call to anyone who might be interested!

Best Regards,

Your ffk#39 organisation team

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