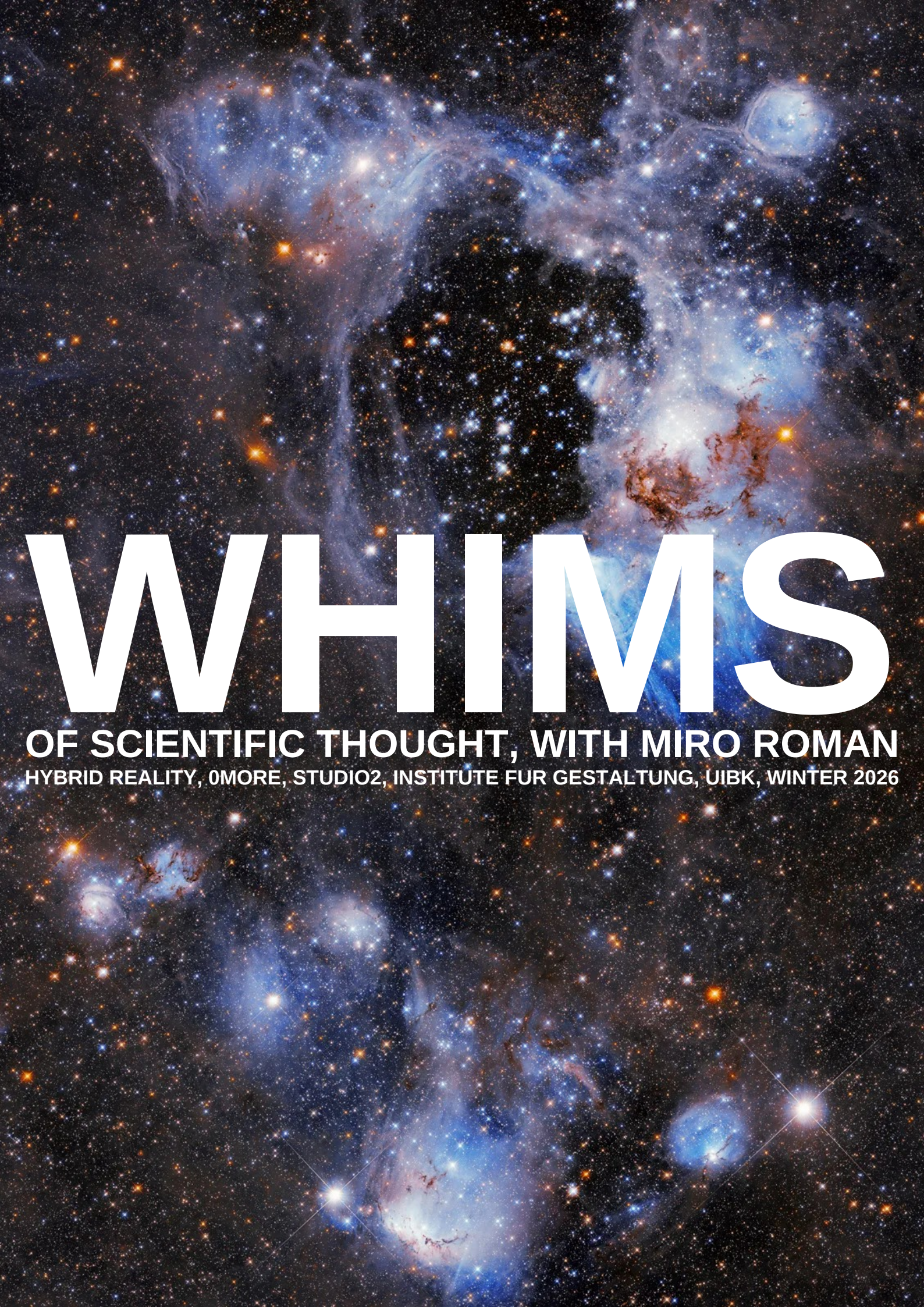
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What we call science is not a monument but a story — or rather, a tangle of stories, told and retold, judged and revised. This semester, Hybrid Reality turns to the narratives that define and form scientific thought, guided by Michel Serres's *A History of Scientific Thought*. Serres and his co-authors refuse the familiar tale of a triumphant march of reason from Babylon to the Nobel prize; instead they draw a map of crossroads and bifurcations, of hesitations, forgotten branches and detours — a history where geniuses act as prophets, controversies as heresy trials, and where "tribunals" of schools, churches and academies decide what counts as true. It is these whims — the quirks, strange habits, accidents and reversals through which knowledge takes shape — that we will follow. Each week we read one chapter of the book, paired with a related podcast episode; students come to class having read the text and watched the video, ready to discuss. The seminar is held in English. To pass the course, each student submits a one-minute video reflecting on the course, which will be discussed in class.

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