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- media, communication, culture
- creativity and cultural production
- digital visual effects
- film history, theory and criticism
- Hollywood cinema
- Australian cinema
- indigenous people and cultures of Borneo