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epistemology reconstructs the problems that the machines' designers

and users have strived to solve, and the network of concepts they have elaborated to understand these problems. Drawing on the philosophy of technology and anthropology, Inventing Cinema argues that networks of gestures, problems, perception and concepts are inscribed in vision machines, from the camera obscura to the stereoscope, the Cinematographe, and digital cinema. The invention of cinema is ultimately seen as an ongoing process irreducible to a single moment in history.