



HISTORICAL PRESENCE IN VISUAL CULTURE Contemporaneity

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Contemporaneity: Historical Presence in Visual Culture aims to explore how the complexities of being in time find visual form. Crucial to this undertaking is accounting for how, from prehistory to the present, cultures around the world conceive of and construct their present and the concept of presentness visually. Through scholarly writings from a number of academic disciplines in the humanities, together with contributions from artists and filmmakers, *Contemporaneity* maps the diverse ways in which cultures use visual means to record, define, and interrogate their historical context and presence in time.

For our inaugural issue, we seek submissions from scholars, artists, and filmmakers. Possible topics or areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The concept of the present across time and cultures
- Cultural exchange, temporal disjunction, historical coincidence
- The simultaneity of conflicting kinds of time
- The persistence of the past in the present
- Collecting, the archive, forgery
- Messianic time, circular time, the eternal return, the event, everyday life, historical time, timelessness
- Teleology, apocalypse, the end of time, the end of art, the end of history
- Tradition, decadence, renaissance, restoration, avant-garde, modernization
- Phenomenology of time
- Nostalgia, melancholy, boredom
- Chronophobia and chronomania
- Making time visible, representing time through images and texts, narrating
- The life of images and reception history
- Treating the present historically
- Historical delays and the acceleration of history
- Methodological problems concerning the writing of art history or film history
- Periodization

The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2010. Manuscripts should be no more than 6,000 words in length and should adhere to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Contributions from artists and filmmakers may take many forms.

Please visit contemporaneity.pitt.edu for more information. To make a submission, click Register and create an Author profile to get started.

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