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Please contact one of the review editors to discuss your ideas. You can also register your interest in writing reviews using the mini-form on the following page. We may then approach you when we’re looking for reviews that match your interests.

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The journal encourages reviews of exhibitions, films, books, conferences or indeed any other ‘text’, or ‘collection of texts’. The reviewed work may be situated in any social and cultural context, involving audiences ranging from academics and artists to the general public. The review itself should recontextualize this work, focusing on the relevance of the work in the field of visual communication, and connecting with the interests and concerns of the Visual Communication Journal readership.

The journal’s definition of the visual is broad and includes:
— still and moving images
— graphic design and typography
— visual phenomena such as fashion, professional vision, posture and interaction
— the built and landscaped environment
— the role of the visual in relation to language, music, sound and action

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Reviews may be of recently launched books, films or exhibitions or of recently held conferences, or they may revisit classic works that have had high impact on the reviewer and/or the field of visual communication. Reviews may cover a body of work by a single significant ‘author’ (curator, director), or draw together several works and/or events around a key theme, such as visual methodologies, visual identities, etc.

Reviews should be roughly 1,500 words. A short synopsis of the work, exhibition or conference being reviewed may be included, but we discourage chapter-by-chapter (or session-by-session) recounts. Reviews should contextualize the work or event, situating it in terms of visual (research) practices in a given time and place.

The use of images from the work or event which is being reviewed is encouraged. The reviewers are expected to arrange permissions themselves. Detailed manuscript submission guidelines are available online (see vcj.sagepub.com).

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If you plan to write a review, or if you're interested in writing one in the future, please contact one of the review editors:

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