

The international peer-reviewed open access journal Middle East - Topics and Arguments (<http://meta-journal.net/>) is seeking contributions for a special-themed issue on “ICONOGRAPHY” as well as for its sections “Review” and “Off topic”.

CALL FOR PAPERS “ICONOGRAPHY”

When regarding the flourishing array of murals in post-revolutionary Cairo, one is as impressed by the broad variety of pictures and words employed in these famous graffiti as by the range of performative responses these newly created “icons” of the revolution draw from the audience of contemporary Egypt and beyond. While here as in other depictions of “martyrs”, social actors play out larger political debates concerning the legitimacy or illegitimacy of violence, the pictures created in turn force their audience to some form of engagement, a process aptly described as an “entanglement” by A. Gell. They are in this aspect surprisingly parallel to the canon of royal pastimes known as the Princely Cycle in the study of Medieval Islamic material culture, depicting rulers in recurring scenes of hunting, feasting and music to an audience in all likelihood striving to emulate these princely pastimes in performances of their own.

Synchronistic studies of the combination of discrete elements in spatially and temporally bounded areas such as these form one of the most adaptable approaches in the field of Cultural Studies. The META issue “Iconography” aims to critically engage with this approach and shed light on the underlying assumptions of a “grammar” of a Language of Forms (Formensprache) and the interplay of visibility and structure in representations produced in a given society.

Prior to developing a complete manuscript, authors are asked to submit an abstract (300 words max.), a short CV (150 words max.), and 3-5 key bibliographic sources.

- The deadline for abstract submissions is June 30th 2016.
- The deadline for article submissions is September 30th 2016.
- Proposals, manuscripts and other editorial correspondence should be sent to:
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On behalf of the editorial team, kind regards,
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