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The aim of this book is not so much to propose a new theory, but rather to explore the multiple ways in which the image-notion is being used, approached, and understood in the everyday work of visual researchers. A list of sixteen questions was sent to twenty-five among the most prominent scholars from different countries: their answers are themselves a clear witness to a diversity of approaches that should be understood as constructs of each scholar's autonomous experience in its dynamic interaction with the surrounding (cultural, political, academic) realities.

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