

## Special Issue

# Art and Visual Culture—Social, Cultural and Environmental Impacts

### Message from the Guest Editor

The global significance of art cannot be understated. I am pleased to invite you to submit your research to be part of this Special Issue that highlights the importance of art in our lives and society as a whole. Visual works of art are always open to a great diversity of possible interpretations, impressions and opinions. Art is a refuge for the imagination in a society that is otherwise built on modern science, logic and reflexivity. If the originality and freedom of art in terms of its uniqueness and message are lost, art becomes another commodity, with nothing to prevent its mass production. However, art continues to have profound social, cultural and environmental impacts in our world, and this Special Issue provides insights into the ways that art shapes our lives and societies. This Special Issue, which may be printed in book form, aims to present a collection of at least 10 articles. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: the social, cultural or environmental impacts of art; the significance of art in the contemporary world.

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