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Curating Ethics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Everyone curates images, objects, and sounds through digital or other means and with varying degrees of competence or skill. What was once considered a hallowed expertise has now become a commonplace activity showing that people are both subjugated to market forces and addicted to the endless process of superfluous repetition. If there is no more training or schooling to help aspiring curators navigate the muddy waters of right and wrong, if there is no more expertise or professionalism to set, represent, and protect good standards of practice, and if there are no more guilds or syndications to verify, correct, and/or defend these standards, how can this activity remain in any way ethical? This Special Issue invites contributions from philosophers of information, curators, cultural theorists, art theorists, or new media scholars concerned with how ethics play out in today's oversaturated world. We particularly seek contributions from those who are interested in crossing the borders between philosophy and other disciplines or research areas. No particular philosophical tradition is privileged, provided the essay has a firm scholarly foundation.











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