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SPRING 2026 EVENTS



USC-LACMA HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR

Re-Thinking Photo Books and their Media Constellations

A LAUNCH of a SPECIAL ISSUE of *WORD and IMAGE* with editors ALICE MORIN, JENS RUCHATZ, VANESSA SCHWARTZ and special issue contributors

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

12:30-2:00pm PT

ZOOM

The “photobook” has been an object of much recent research in the history of photography. This special issue, presenting six essays and an introduction, takes a very different approach from their understanding as “works.” The essays here consider photo books that open our eyes to the multiple uses of photographs printed between the covers of a book. Join the essay authors and issue editors: Alice Morin, Jens Ruchatz, Vanessa Schwartz, Nadya Bair, Steven Samols, Adam Jolles and Josh Ellenbogen, Jayson Lantz in a discussion of their research.

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