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## Utopias

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## Abstract or Description

An edited collection of writings about and by artists who have employed utopian strategies in contemporary art. The book contains a scholarly introduction by the editor.

### Item Type:

Book

Richard Noble (ed.), *Utopias* (London: Whitechapel/MIT Press, 2009). ISBN 978-26264069-5

**OUTPUT:** This book is an edited collection of writings by artists, critics and curators on the concept of utopia in the field of visual art. There is an introductory essay, in which the significance of the concept in both the history of ideas and art is developed. The book's main argument with respect to how we might understand its significance within contemporary art is outlined in the following sections.

#### FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE

The introductory essay and the edited writings form a contribution to the field of contemporary art around the relation between art and politics. The claim is that utopian strategies are an effective means through which artists can engage with political subject matter.

### Additional Information:

#### METHODOLOGY

The basic argument is that utopian strategies involve a methodology of modelling alternative world scenarios, that enable and shape debate around social and political questions. At the same time instrumentalising art as a form of political activism, or a type of critical research. The introductory essay also outlines the methodology of the book, which organises the various iterations of the utopian impulse in contemporary art into five categories: utopian imaginary, utopian avant-gardes, therapeutic utopias, critical utopias and utopian art.

#### DISSEMINATION

The book has been one of the leading sellers in the 'Documents in Contemporary Art' series.

published by Whitechapel/MIT. It has had wide distribution globally, and been discussed at conferences at the Arken Museum in Denmark on Utopias Mori Museum in Tokyo (2012). It is in its second printing.

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