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Mapping a global history and theory of visual culture, *An Introduction to Visual Culture* asks how and why visual media have become so central to everyday life. This new, completely updated second edition has been adapted to match the challenges of interpreting globalization since the publication of the first edition a decade ago.

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In this innovative, thoroughly revised and extended edition, Nicholas Mirzoeff explores:

- an extensive range of visual forms from painting, sculpture, and photography to television, cinema, and the Internet
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