



Exploring Visual Cultures

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To whom it may concern

The Exploring Visual Culture (EVC) is dedicated to extending its network and promoting the visual arts. It is pleased that the encounter of young artists from Brazil, Cameroon, Germany, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa within the framework of the EVC summer school this year in Kassel has led to the initiative of these young artists to continue working together. We consider this a great success in our efforts to further intensify the South-North dialogue and to initiate South-South-North cooperation in the art and art education fields.

Based on the success of the EVC summer school, we wholeheartedly support the initiative of the Brazilian team in their efforts to start a new project establishing a sustainable network. We are happy to promote the initiative, e.g. by publishing the project and its results on our website, by supporting the production of a catalogue and by cooperating directly, e.g. concerning technical input with the organisers.

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Dr Avi Sooful

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**Exploring Visual Cultures** (EVC) is an open, transnational network of stakeholders in the field of art, art education, visual cultures studies, and cultural anthropology. Universities, museums, NGOs, and artists from Cameroon, Ghana, Germany, Kenya, and South Africa have founded EVC in 2018. Individual participants from Brazil, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Nigeria, UK, Iran, Canada have joined the network.

An Expert Panel, chaired by Avi Sooful (University of Pretoria, South Africa), is steering the transnational collaboration regarding joint exhibitions; summer schools and conferences; online lecture series; publications; and a database of *visual objects* that are relevant for educational purposes.

EVC promotes voices from the Global South and a global dialogue in respect to two core values, global citizenship and sustainable development. EVC's activities are funded by its member institutions and ministries.