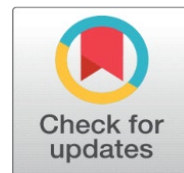


SPECIAL ISSUE ON DIGITAL FUTURES OF ARTS AND CULTURE: AI, DATA, CREATIVITY, AND SOCIAL IMPACT

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The ShodhKosh: Journal of Visual and Performing Arts invites original research papers, reviews, and creative-critical contributions for a Special Issue titled “**Digital Futures of Arts and Culture: AI, Data, Creativity, and Social Impact.**”

In the contemporary era, rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, data analytics, and digital technologies are fundamentally transforming the production, dissemination, and reception of visual and performing arts. These transformations are not only reshaping artistic practices but also redefining cultural participation, audience engagement, institutional management, and the broader socio-cultural ecosystem.

This Special Issue seeks to explore the evolving intersections of art, technology, and society, with a particular focus on how digital innovations influence creativity, authorship, cultural sustainability, and social inclusion. It aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for scholars, practitioners, and researchers to critically examine the role of emerging technologies in shaping contemporary visual culture and performance practices.

This Special Issue aligns with the journal’s commitment to fostering interdisciplinary research across visual arts, performing arts, media studies, design, and cultural studies, particularly within the context of emerging technological and social transformations.

Submissions that demonstrate theoretical rigor, methodological innovation, and critical engagement with contemporary issues are especially encouraged. Both empirical and conceptual papers, as well as practice-based research, are welcome.

Sincerely,



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