



## Susceptibilities: Toward a Cultural Politics of Consent under Erasure

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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue will explore depictions or scenes of susceptibility (traumatic or otherwise) that frustrate an over-emphasis in mainstream news and confessional accounts on conscious agency and resiliency. Contributors to this Special Issue will share an interest in reflecting on how narrations and visualizations of trauma, grievance, and injustice project or fail to project a coherent self-image back into situations where ambivalence, passivity, and confusion influenced action or inaction. Without necessarily rehearsing older critiques of the conception of ideology as false consciousness, contributors to this Special Issue will further them by considering susceptibility as a regression of intention, or, more precisely, of an “intentional consciousness” that wills or consents, as it complicates our understandings of situations that eventuate in a diagnosis of trauma or dysphoria, and/or precipitate grievance politics.

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