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Geopolitics and visuality: Sighting the Darfur conflict

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Abstract

In the many considerations of visual culture in geography, there are few works concerned with the visual culture of contemporary geopolitics. In seeking to rectify this lacuna, this paper outlines elements of a research project to consider the way visuality is a pivotal assemblage in the production of contemporary geopolitics. Signalling the need for a conceptual exploration of the importance of vision and visuality to all forms of knowledge (rather than just those associated with or manifested in specific visual artefacts like pictures), the paper argues that understanding the significance of visuality for geopolitics involves recasting visual culture as visual economy. This enables the constitutive relations of geopolitics and visuality to shift from the *social construction of the visual field* to the *visual performance of the social field*. This argument is illustrated through an examination of some of the documentary photography and photojournalism covering the most recent outbreak of war in Darfur, Sudan, beginning in the summer of 2003. Exploring the tension in these pictures between the established

disaster iconography of "Africa"™ and the desire to image genocidal violence and war crimes, considering in particular the way photography captures identity, the argument concludes with reflections on the way the visual performance of the social field that is Darfur structures our encounters with others.



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In Political Geography 26, 1, we were pleased to publish Jacques Levy's Political Geography Plenary Lecture 2006, which was presented in March 2006 at the Chicago meeting of the Association of American Geographers. In view of the interest and attendance in Chicago, the Editors decided to organize a similar Plenary Lecture event at the August 2006 meeting of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) in London. We are pleased to publish that Plenary here.

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