About this book: Images (as public representations) are increasingly ubiquitous in our lives as compared with the lives of our ancestors. With an increasing technical ease, images can provide a huge amount of information—sometimes obvious, sometimes requiring special expertise. The present volume is devoted to images as they mobilize cognition and theorizing. Though we can speak of a pictorial turn (after the so-called linguistic turn) now that images have become a distinct and full-fledged topic of investigation, some may continue to cling to the impression that images should still be considered within a fundamentally representationalist framework.

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