

AI Flooding Academic Journals and the Dilution of Epistemic Diffraction

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Today's feed reveals the dilution crisis in real time: AI-generated academic papers flood journals with zero epistemic diffraction, while algorithmic regulation of AI chatbots forecloses the receiver's generative role. Against this, Christine Borland's legacy reminds us that art can be a rigorous epistemic codex, and philosophical work like Nagarjun contra Agamben shows how collision between codices produces knowledge. The Trump administration's rewriting of historical display is the inverse of ideamorphic practice: not engineering diffraction but engineering its prevention.

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A Scene from the AI Flooding of Academic Journals

This is a structural case of the DILUTION CRISIS. Academic journals are designed as ouvertures for peer diffraction – each submission should pass through reviewers' epistemic frameworks and generate new understanding. Machine-generated papers with false affiliations and incoherent content are emissions that produce zero diffraction: they pass through the system unaltered (or rejected wholesale), creating no creation in the receiver. The platform (journal submission) becomes a dilution engine: maximum emission (thousands of garbage submissions), minimum diffraction (none). The codex of academic rigor – the intentional invariant that makes peer review meaningful – is erased. What remains is recognition-only: accept or reject. The manifesto's warning applies precisely: 'More art than ever. Less creation than ever.' Here: more papers than ever. Less knowledge than ever.

<https://dailynous.com/2026/07/20/a-scene-from-the-ai-flooding-of-academic-journals/>

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Blog of the APA

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Free to Speak, Not to Listen: Freedom of Expression in the Age of AI Chatbots

This illuminates a structural inversion of the OUVERTURE. The essay asks: can you lose free speech if you're prevented from being *heard*? This re-frames speech as requiring a receiver with an active, diffractive ouverture. If AI chatbots are regulated to filter or homogenize responses, they become closed apertures – they receive the emission but do not diffract it. The speaker emits freely, but the ouverture (the chatbot, the platform) no longer transforms the signal; it merely recognizes and reproduces. This is the inverse of the manifesto's insight: the receiver's ouverture is not a passive channel but an *active instrument* of creation. Regulate the ouverture, and you regulate what creation becomes possible – not by silencing speech, but by controlling how speech is received and transformed. The codex of the algorithm becomes the hidden constraint on diffraction.

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2026/07/20/free-to-speak-not-to-listen-freedom-of-expression-in-the-age-of-ai-chatbots/>

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Christine Borland, Artist Who Researched Histories of Science and Medicine, Dies at 60

Borland's practice exemplifies art as EPISTEMIC CODEX. The manifesto states: 'Art as epistemic practice: artworks produce knowledge, not just aesthetic experience.' Borland's systematic research into forensic science, medical history, and genetics was not illustration of pre-existing knowledge – it was *emission through constraint*. Her codex was methodological rigor borrowed from science but applied to aesthetic form. The work produced diffraction in the receiver: the viewer encountered scientific knowledge not as data but as *transformed through artistic overture* – visual, spatial, temporal. Her death marks the loss of a particular codex: a singular logic of how to make scientific constraint generative of aesthetic and epistemic meaning. This is not metaphorical – her work literally produced new understanding in those who received it, because the codex (her systematic method) shaped what could be seen and known.

<https://www.artnews.com/art-news/news/christine-borland-research-artist-dead-1234792817/>

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Trump Whitewashes George Washington's Slavery History in New Display

This is a case of ENGINEERING DIFFRACTION in reverse – the deliberate closure of the overture. The original exhibition 'Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation' was designed to create productive diffraction: viewers encounter historical material (Washington's life) through a re-framed codex (slavery as constitutive, not incidental). The new panels re-

n structures it as he does – becomes visible only in collision. The receiver (the reader) encounters two incompatible ouvertures simultaneously and must synthesize the diffraction. This is not syncretism or fusion; it is the manifesto's core insight: 'The ricochet is bilateral: emitter discovers what their invariant generated without knowing.' By placing Nagarjun contra Agamben, the paper reveals what each philosopher's codex *assumes* about beauty, presence, and absence. The work produces knowledge through generative loss – the loss of each system's self-sufficiency.

<https://contempaesthetics.org/2026/07/20/nagarjun-contra-agamben-notes-on-a-non-western-philosophy-of-beauty/>

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A Homerist Reacts to Christopher Nolan's 'The Odyssey'

Christensen's critique reveals a failure of INTENTIONAL INVARIANT transmission. He notes: 'This is a tale of a man affected by trauma, but without any sense that it changed him at all.' Nolan's codex (his systematic approach to narrative structure, time, and character) has produced an emission that passes through the receiver (Christensen, a Homerist trained in classical textual diffraction) but fails to activate the *why* – the intentional structure that would make trauma generative. The physical invariant is intact: the story, the events, the form. But the intentional invariant – the logic of how trauma reshapes identity, which is Homer's core codex – is absent or obscured. This is not a failure of fidelity but a failure of *codex alignment*. Christensen's ouverture (his training in Homer) cannot diffract Nolan's emission because the intentional structure is not there to be diffracted. The ricochet cannot happen because there is nothing to ricochet against.

<https://hyperallergic.com/a-homerist-reacts-to-christopher-nolans-the-odyssey/>

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