

Recognition as Overture: Iser's Revised Stanford Entry on Autonomy and Acknowledgment

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A single revised Stanford Encyclopedia entry on recognition surfaces a critical tension: the manifesto rejects 'the tyranny of recognition' as the platform's dilution engine, yet Iser's philosophical work suggests recognition itself – when genuinely practiced – requires the receiver's irreducible overture. The distinction matters: algorithmic recognition collapses difference into sameness; philosophical recognition (as autonomy-admitting) demands diffraction. Today's update may deepen this paradox.

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Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

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Recognition (Revised Entry)

Iser's distinction between the normative and psychological dimensions of recognition maps directly onto ideamorphism's critique of recognition culture. To 'recognize' another as autonomous is not to receive them losslessly – it is to acknowledge a gap between their self-presentation and your reception of it. The manifesto warns: '10 million views is not 10 million creations. It is one recognition, replicated.' Iser's philosophical work on recognition as both admission of autonomy AND psychological act suggests that true recognition requires the receiver's overture to remain open – to NOT collapse the other into a known category. The revised entry likely deepens this: recognition is not confirmation of what was already there, but an active opening that allows the other to exist as irreducible. This is the inverse of the dilution crisis: where platforms collapse all

reception into algorithmic recognition (sameness), genuine recognition requires diffraction – the receiver's singular overture transforming the encounter into something neither party predicted.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/recognition/>

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