

Exploring the Intersection of Art Education and Photography: Unleashing Creativity through Technological Advancements: A Narrative Review

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Abstract

The narrative review explores the intersection of art education and photography, highlighting the role of technological advancements in enhancing creativity and visual literacy. It discusses the historical perspectives, theoretical frameworks, and empirical studies that demonstrate the cognitive and creative benefits of integrating art education and photography. The review synthesizes historical perspectives, theoretical frameworks, and empirical studies to comprehensively understand the topic. Challenges and opportunities in integrating technology into art education are also analyzed. The findings highlight the cognitive and creative benefits of integrating art education and photography, as well as the importance of professional development for art educators. The review also identifies access and equity issues as key challenges. The review concludes by outlining future directions, including the potential of virtual and augmented reality applications in art education, and the ethical considerations surrounding the use of technology in photography education.

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1. Introduction to the Intersection of Art Education and Photography

In Art and Science, photography is defined as “an art, and successful photography is art at its best,” and accordingly, art is often described as “a diverse range of human activities and the products of those activities (Wilder, 2009).” Clearly, there is an intersection of boundaries between photography and art in terms of creativity and imagination. When we think about an image framed from sunrise and sunset, a plethora of pictures clicking through a 24 MP or a 36 MP camera with

a wide range of lenses, so that can be an image of heart rambling among the imagination! Unrolling or unpacking creativity involves unspooling or splutter in a piece of paper and desires (Roberts, 1998). Innovation is 'the action or process of innovation'. Therefore, in the modern world, art is taught by the innovation of capturing beautiful moments in a photograph, and photography is leaned as art and the creativity of the realistic minds of the camera holder (Kelsey, 2015). As a future educator of art and creativity, one must consider the maximization of knowledge, especially in a scenario where the combination of art and photography intersects boundaries between two very imaginative words (Grushka et al., 2018). As a teacher, one must always think about where the perspective comes from; for example, the ideas of art and photography interchange one another from one perspective to another and are enriched daily to another level (Price & Wells, 2021). In the era of freedom of expression, photography beyond art, showing reality, has a strong impact on society. Photography embodies a modern mix of tech and science advances (Jurgenson, 2019). Whether initially intended or not, it shifted from a 'Creative Arts' to a more technical industry, which can, at least partially, be explained by the evolution of the photo. technology. With the evolution of digital photography in the millennium age, it integrated the ultimate connection with modern computers and the e-world. As future and upcoming generation teachers in art and creativity, one must always have the passion and adaptation of technology with the ability to share knowledge about significant time amplification from prehistoric to today's competitive rapid modernization to maintain the creativity of art as well as photography (Gaggi, 2015).

1.1. Defining Art Education and Photography

In a time when new technologies have entered the mediated art production area, technological advancements force the recreation of definitions related to this area (Murphie & Potts, 2017). The suggested research specifies the definitions of art education and photography with respect to the objective, persons of the study, methodology, technique-operational equipment, and organization before examining the relationships between defined terms (Bautista et al., 2016). The operation area of the definition of art education focuses on creativity and central thought. When the definition of art education is produced, museum studies and art history-related literature are examined, and source searching is performed (Gbayee, 2023). Photography defines both as a medium and a product as visual expression and visual communication. In terms of this definition, changes in the

definition of photography due to digital applications have been discussed (Aiello & Parry, 2019). A categorization leaning on aspects of visuality is made on the *tamyz* and *apotymnz* aspects. Creativity and central thought in the fields of art and art education were questioned before the practice of photography by three university students, with two majoring in fine arts education and one in EDE (Harris, 2016). Photography is considered a significant tool not only for expressing what is sensed, experienced and thought but also for learning and understanding within the training of art and study areas. In the photography practices of the participants, the photographs they took were analyzed within the framework of creativity and central thought. The photographs were classified as recording, meaningful, derivative, or productive. Before the photographs are critiqued, the historical background of the photography and its relationships with the art are mentioned. The categories of photography that evolved through time are depicted as landscapes, *dead natura*, portraits, artistic, news, and documentary (Price & Wells, 2021).

These two definitions are questioned as variables in time and space. A definition of art education within a historical and sociological framework is difficult because it has been understood in a variety of ways, as described in the texts of this genre; contemporary art education cannot be neatly reduced to one definition. For the purposes of this effort, the definition of art education is within the K-12 setting and includes curriculum decisions by teachers or school administrations. This definition is also grounded in a commitment to aesthetics, art making, criticism, and art history through the narrow context of producing college and preservice teachers for schools (Dorn et al., 2014). In this way, art education is conducted amidst a broad base of similar productions, as it relates to art, visual culture, and education is understood as facilitating problem-based learning with art (Kek & Huijser, 2017). Photography is helpful not only in terms of visual perception and visual representation but also in terms of understanding and redefining concepts and their relationships. The notion of the gaze in the field is considered to have a wide look at the functions of photography (Zakia & Suler, 2017). Photography is not brought to the discussion as a work of simple visual transcription. It is necessary not to look at the photograph itself but at the stretched wire until the horizon, at the yellow of a banana flower up to the calyx, at the ocean-going liner and the laborers building it, at the statue and the research infrastructure, where the ballet is created and the space shuttle retrieves it (Rose, 2022). Nor does one give the photograph a general meaning such as "shock", "poverty", or "speed", metaphors that do not take into account either the

appropriation and the social use or the place and the moment at which the photograph was taken. Neither symbolic order nor object relations suffice to account for how a picture can make orders and relations, articulate them, and make them change. Photography has two opposing functions in the public spaces where it is used: it is a tamy, namely, a mechanism of revealing and exhibiting the undesirable, the unwelcome, the marginal, and an apotymnz, an instrument of institutional control and normalization displayed within the sanctioned margins. Here, there is an effort to articulate approaches concerning a creative and thoughtful way of handling digital imaging tools that may regulate the aforementioned concepts of visibility and categorization and establish an analytical framework to evaluate the educational repercussions of this engagement (Ogundipe, 2020). This table provides a comprehensive summary of two key studies focusing on arts-based approaches and emotional creativity in education. The first study by Archibald et al. (2024) explores the use of arts-based methods in priority-setting research, highlighting their benefits in enhancing communication and research dissemination, while also identifying challenges such as resource limitations. The second study by González-Zamar & Abad-Segura (2021) analyzes research trends in emotional creativity in arts education, identifying emerging directions and emphasizing the integration of psychology, neuroscience, and artistic education. Both studies underline the importance of creativity and innovation in educational and research contexts, while also addressing challenges and providing recommendations for future work.

Table 1: Summary of Research on Arts-Based Approaches and Emotional Creativity in Education
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2. Historical Perspectives on Art Education and Photography

The historically rich and dynamic fields of art education and photography have each arrived at a critical juncture during the 21st century in relation to their intertwined curriculum bindings (Kwiatkowska-Tybulewicz, 2020). Art education, historically bound by Western classical traditions, has moved rapidly from a monolithic singular perspective to embracing a much broader range of art forms (music, painting, dance, photography, poetry, and much more), theories (aesthetic, historical, psychological, cultural, social, and much more) and practices (art making, art history, art criticism, aesthetics, curating, museum education, and more) (Wood, 2021).

Photography itself, which straddles both art's visual inquiry and science's light behavior, has gone through a long neglected foundational articulation. Registered polemically by painters as an inferior medium, photography has marched through numerous technological advancements and societal transformations, including the necessary stops of chemical films, darkrooms, and prints, silver vs. digital divides, the transition of macro to micro to panorama, emulsions to resources to the cloud, analogs to digital to native, and standards to open (Elston, 2014). Photography is the spearhead of visual technology and has been moving from a classical centered perspective to an expedition to explore technology-based contemporary off-center practices (Rudnick, 2024). Many of these practices are not commercially available but are at technological forefront and were arrived at only after years of experimentation. At the crossroads of both pedagogical methodologies, these current educational practices have been continuously refined in recent years. However, placing these contemporary off-center pedagogical practices in both the art educational didactic framework and the historical context of photography is useful. The intertwined evolution of education, art, and photography has increased (Hellman & Lind, 2017).

2.1. The Evolution of Art Education

Since the first art educators learned to pass on their knowledge and skills, the discipline of art education has been constantly shifting to reflect societal needs and developments in art (Houghton, 2014). Teachers from different cultures created benchmarks and passed on methods based on values and conventions representing the spirit and aspirations of those times. This process has continued for centuries with minor modifications to respond to changing technical developments (Anderson, 2014).

The first disruptions in the conventional approach to art education were triggered by cultural shifts such as the Renaissance or the Age of Enlightenment. These new concepts of arts seem to be the crossroads of two established orders: one past and done with, another heady with wonders and new-found wisdom. There was therefore much talk about the teaching of "real" art then, about the apprenticeship of "real" artists at the feet of the guildists and the establishment of right connections from workshops to galleries to museums to the National Curriculum. The paths of the revered heritage started to take on a prescriptive turn and never quite lost it. Once art agreed to denote 'the

most admired piece in the gallery’, enough school art meant work ‘in the manner of’ that highly esteemed piece (Ward, 2014).

The twentieth century was noteworthy for two interesting aspects of art education: while it was designed to support the existing social order and to instil respect for and preservation of visual culture, it was not just fed with radical ideas from contemporary artists. However, the assumption that the basic mechanisms of art education are universal has been unanimously discarded, as economic and social structures prevailed during specific historical periods to determine the function of arts as well as the way they were understood and taught (Jagodzinski, 2019).

3. The Role of Technology in Contemporary Photography

Today, there is a debate among photographers, starting from the idea that 'photography is a good picture' or making it possible to start in such a few moments to obtain the picture, especially with mobile phones (Barrett, 2020). There is also a flutter from photographers who are film-based and say that the digital camera is not photographic. The digital age began more than a decade ago, and it is not entirely correct to say that the digital camera is not photographic. This is not much different from what Steve Sasson noted. Kodak began technology in 1978; then, in 1981--2000, the technology of digital cameras began to be used.

During the decade of the 2000s--2012, Shutter release (the release of the shutter) became popular from 2007--2012 because of LSD—touch screen on mobile phones. The iOS with an iPhone has advantages because of the rise of the AppStore. Among these applications, one can view photos, share photos, and retouch, and there are applications that can make photos as photographs. The camera's integration into mobile phones was quite rapid from 2005--2012. The number of applications that support camera-camera applications is also increasing. Photographic communities can share photos in various applications. Applications in the iPhone and BlackBerry, where this is arguably even before the Android operating system. Understanding and viewing photographs was carried out 25 years ago, which was rather complicated. Now all that can be done online. Just to see how a photo was 10 years ago must go to photo studio. The existence of global photo communities can be used to build a gallery of personal photos. Data storage is not limited to the number of photos, even if one device will not be full; photos stored only take data traffic (Wang et al., 2017).

In the social era, people look at a photo not because of the object but because of the photography, as can be New Journalism, Commercial, Portraiture, etc. The visual becomes more dominant because of the interest in seeing photographs taken. Photographers have begun to think not only about how to take pictures but also about how to look more innovative, such as hiking, mounting a camera to the bike handlebar, timelapse photography, light painting, motion blur, small planet, etc. Even chocolate cameras have also emerged; this is accomplished by reshaping the lens head first with the sticky band and then putting the glue Anti Low Hard on the lens so that the camera can produce a photograph that looks like a vignette, lomo, fisheye, etc. Photographers have even begun to think about composition, such as the right ex-Ruler and golden ratio, the rule of third, etc. All these changes are a tide of technological developments and encounters with different communities. Photographers who are able to survive can not only rely on the ability to take pictures but also be equipped with communication and socialization. Photographers who are soul of individualism look back at the theory of Roland Barthes's 'The Death of the Author' by forgetting the authorship of a photographer and appreciating the aesthetics of photography itself . This is a young paradox. Each person can catch moments of the same as but on different pictures, which can give rise to thoughts that vary between individuals who capture them. At this moment, the role of the art educator is needed in the process of creating and internalizing creative photography. The principal standardization switch places technology into a very transformative creative world. What has been seen since kindergarten is art with materials that are rigid in a rational pictorial space, mixing and learning standard tools, and setting usual methods in art analysis, discussions and interpretation. Central questions of the meaning interpretation context technique display evaluation are poorly equipped, and experimental 3-D and electronic new media must employ long-distance creativity (Hadland et al., 2015; Price & Wells, 2021).

3.1. Digital Photography and its Impact on the Field

The digital era has brought into the technology world amazing technological advancements and phenomena that have altered the fabric of reality as it is known. This subsection focuses specifically on digital photography and its broad implications. The transition from analog to digital photography will be analyzed in detail from artistic and creative standpoints. The growth and broader implications of this drastic transformation for humanity and society as a whole will be

reviewed to gain an understanding of the matter. With an emphasis on the generation and dissemination of creativity and artistic endeavors, the implications of digital tools and technology growth are critiqued. For most of the 20th century, analog technology was the standard for production and consumption equipment in a wide variety of domains, including photography (Reed, 2018). The 21st century has brought high growth in digital technology and the emergence of new digitized tools and equipment. Replacing analog machinery and inheritance knowledge, this advancement has democratized the access to photography tools and knowledge for a broad array of aspiring artists (Jane Wood, 1998). If it is true that digital photography has substantially modified creative processes, there is a need to question how that impact occurs.

The operations behind both image acquisition and treatment in the creation of digital photos are extremely complex for people who are not directly connected with the realm of expertise (Suler, 2016). Nonetheless, the presentation of an image is directly related to its treatment and its created artifacts. In the digital realm, the capture of images is conjoined with their treatment, yet the photo looks is mainly a product of the treatment given to it. Widespread computer programs offer almost limitless chances for editing digital photography. In the digital realm, images can be easily and rapidly retouched to make an alternative arrangement or something completely different from the original one — an intriguing face for when photos are used as support for autobiographical renderings. The treatment of images, which in itself is a somewhat complex process, has been greatly abridged by the automation of most creative tasks, easing the modification of all kinds of arrangements and the creation of composite photos. Consequently, the ease of handling, editing, and sharing compositions has been greatly enhanced by digitization, and creative tendencies and their aesthetics have been noted. Ideally, artistic works should speak for themselves. Wildly celebrated works of art are usually taken for granted by critics and theorists to such an extent that their analysis and interpretation as 3-D photography are overlooked. These arguments will entail the presentation of some images, suggesting a consideration of digital photography and awareness of digital manipulation while observing them. Given the current social tendencies toward the generational and dissemination modes of art, the understanding of the basis of digital photography is regarded as indispensable for professional activity in the realm of art education and artistic appreciation (Bermejo et al., 2020).

4. Innovative Pedagogical Approaches in Art Education

Art teachers must implement innovative pedagogical strategies to effectively engage students in creative thinking. At the secondary and postsecondary levels, a future art teacher will be able to draw upon empirical examples from the instruction they have received in university-level photobased art education classes in crafting their own pedagogy. This essay addresses innovative teaching practices with the potential to enrich both the practice and content base of arts educators. It provides strategies and inspiration for educating those learning about photobased art that the presented forms of dissemination are potentially absent in the preparation of future educators at the secondary level (Al Muwali et al., 2019).

Educational standards in art, particularly at the secondary level, where academic credit is often determined on a classroom-hour basis, are sadly “functioning to suppress opportunities for curiously motivated, complex engagement” in secondary visual art education. Art teachers are often challenged to find the most effective strategies for teaching self-expression to individual artistic sensibilities in an environment that is not conducive to that purpose. Additionally, while many contemporary art and photo works are interactive, without educator guidance, students typically engage with art as deictic objects, as if viewing through a window, disconnecting the aesthetic experience from the lived experience. This essay recommends several innovative teaching strategies, drawn from the discipline of contemporary photobased art and implemented at the university level, that are designed to enrich classroom experiences and enhance learning outcomes. These strategies include experimental learning, which allows students to research and create with the use of nontraditional materials; teaching how to read personally and culturally relevant photobased art; fostering collaborative art making; and integrating technology in art education through the creation of websites. Visual classroom examples of these strategies at the end of this essay. As models of best practices, it is hoped that the implementation of these innovative approaches will encourage further engagement in art-related creativity and criticality (Chase, 2008) among students. Ultimately, it is believed that the cultivation of a creatively active populace must begin with a creatively active, innovative teaching force (Unsworth, 2014).

4.1. Project-Based Learning in Photography Classes

Recently, the explosive development and common use of personal technology have produced substantial changes in daily photography activities. This situation improves visual literacy in everyone and provides the opportunity to understand photography as a language (Jurgenson, 2019). The fact that personal technology can affect photography education is accepted, but it also raises the questions of what the scope of the technology should be and to what extent its architectural approach is beneficial for photography education. The need to understand the changes that personal technology affects in photography, which is visual literacy, is imminent. Visual literacy, which refers to the ability of an individual to understand and interpret their own visual world, is an extremely important reality supported by the development and importance of economies based on creative labor. Owing to the changes in daily photography activities and the common choice of personal technology, first, visual literacy can be understood, and then interpretations can be created. As a result of the transformations and changes caused by architectural approaches, personal technological photography practices were adopted individually, and a new perspective was created in their discipline (Simonson et al., 2019).

Digital photography's expansion of expressive and metaphorical power has made it one of the essential means of communication today. Visual documents are indeed important because of their detailed readiness to embed nonverbally represented information within them. For this reason, photography education is extremely important for understanding and producing visual texts. Photography education helps individuals raise questions about their own visual world and the world around them to find answers related to personal production, establish relationships with different disciplines and position themselves with this interaction. Photographs speak a visual language, comprising photographs concerning not only verbal language but also visual and interactional language. Understanding this visual language is important, but it is not sufficient for photography education. Since interpretation can be wrong if the technical details are ignored completely, the necessity of taking photographs is also apparent. However, developing a vision and creating something new requires a well-established and theoretically supported approach. This is the architectural approach. If the architectural approach supports educational activities in photography departments, new, different and technologically beneficial aspects of photography education can be produced.

5. Theoretical Frameworks in Art Education and Photography

There are several theoretical frameworks that play a significant role in guiding the intersection of art education and photography. Art educators have extensively utilized the following educational theories as a foundational framework in the creation of lesson plans and assessments aimed at enhancing pedagogical practices. Some of these influential theories include constructivist theories, social learning theory, critical pedagogy, and postcolonial theory, each contributing uniquely to the discourse surrounding art education. Constructivism captures the idea that every person creates knowledge through an interaction of their experiences and preexisting notions of the world. Social constructivism views learning as a never-ending process of working through labeled and unlabeled stimuli, where each learner participates in meaning making from their context and interactions. This interpretation differs from the cognitive constructivist interpretation, which emphasizes that each learner creates a personal reality under their subjective worldview, which is shaped by interactions and reflections on experiences. By addressing the practice of art education from these various perspectives, one can reflect more broadly and deeply on the role of photography in education and its constant evolution. It also demonstrates that effective art education involves teaching beyond the nurturing of skills to foster critical thinking, creativity, self-expression, and integration within a sound theoretical framework that enhances the outcomes and effectiveness of art education (Cross, 2021).

5.1. Constructivism and its Relevance in Art Education

Constructivism emphasizes the processes of acquiring knowledge with a particular focus on learning in the context of art education. It helps students progress toward understanding and creativity. The constructivist paradigm presents a new concept where knowledge is not simply delivered from the teacher to the student; rather, the student creates knowledge through active participation and introspection. There is a shift toward a learner-centered approach where students are positioned as participants in their learning. This is different from what is taught in schools, where students are expected to memorize facts and reproduce them on command. Constructivism argues that meaningful participation enables students to form personal meaning in the world around them. In the art classroom, captivating art activities that stem from learners' questions can seem to motivate students toward critical, creative, and imaginative thinking (Tran, 2016). In

addition, this way of learning fosters the development of a foundational understanding that is solid yet open to interpretation, thus facilitating the ability to address sophisticated real-world challenges and apply knowledge in diverse contexts (TomljenoviÄ & TataloviÄ, 2020).

The perspective that photographs capture interpretations of visual experiences that are profoundly interwoven with learned cultural conventions suggests that constructive pedagogies can most effectively be applied to encourage the interpretation and construction of visual concepts and photo visions, which result both from witnessing imaging and lens-based image making rooted in experience. The relationship between photography and art education warrants a discussion of constructivism, particularly in terms of its scope and effects on teaching photography. The discussion focuses on applying these principles in fostering creativity and critical thinking. The discussion then turns to technology and the integration of constructivist approaches. Finally, concrete methods are offered that aim at fostering creativity, critical thinking, and meaning-making in photography education. In the current education system, critical and creative thinking is often not developed to the necessary degree because of the reliance on so-called “correct” answers imposed across any field of study. Creativity means going above and outside existing boundaries and perceiving multiple possibilities. It entails a person being able to think flexibly, generating novel concepts while accepting uncertainty and ambiguity. Critical thinking is defined as the level of analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of an issue highly.

Decisive factors of rational, informed decision-making sociologically pertain to self-monitoring and evaluating parameters. In a constructivist learning environment, fostered creative and critical thinking allows students to analyze problems from various angles, perform thorough research, and make novel conclusions. This learning paradigm supports the integration of advanced technologies in teaching photography, as new media technology creativity enhances the broad understanding of visual literacy and critical perception in art creation. Such an approach increases the scope of learning and doing activities in visual arts, which, importantly, leads teaching and learning toward the construction of meaning from images in a holistic manner in relation to social and cultural phenomena and growing visual phenomena and visuals (Sawyer, 2018).

6. Empirical studies on the benefits of art education and photography

There is a significant and growing movement dedicated to establishing practices and mandating the critical importance of art education programs specifically targeted at disadvantaged schools. This is largely due to the extensive advancements in cognitive development that are directly associated with engaging in creative art activities. Various research initiatives specifically endeavor to explore and investigate the potential enhancement of creative problem-solving skills, the cultivation of critical thinking abilities, the nurturing of everyday creativity, the measurement of externalized achievement, the experience of work obtrusion, and the formation of future expectations by students in Baltic high schools through their active participation in painting courses, which serve as a pilot study approach. The use of both quantitative and qualitative data collected from sophomore and junior high school students revealed that involvement in painting classes has a notably positive correlation with the enhancement of creative thinking among adolescents. Creative solutions typically arise in response to initially vague and progressively developing questions. An array of diverse and accessible tools and strategies exist that can be employed to approach these problems thoughtfully. In the realm of nonrecursive thinking, it becomes apparent that problem solving often contravenes existing rules and established procedures, relying instead on the discovery of new information or the imposition of result limitations. In this context, mathematical problems are strategically approached via an unconventional, step-by-step methodology. Creative teenagers tend to favor employing an axiomatic strategy when engaging with a variety of design tasks. Furthermore, possible influences and educational implications are opened up for discussion of the prospects of future research initiatives. This ongoing movement in the field of art education aims to advocate for and put into practice the immense significance of art education programs across the educational landscape, particularly in schools that face socioeconomic disadvantages. The term 'art education' encompasses a broad field of practice, research, and pedagogical approaches that include a variety of distinct but frequently overlapping practices. These practices encompass photography programs, art history and studio art classes, and other courses that promote particular craft skills. For the purposes of this review, the term 'art education' is used in its most comprehensive sense, incorporating all of these various expressions. A new pilot program is being introduced, as the focus of this study will deliberately focus on photography courses, which have benefitted from

heightened disciplinary attention and specialization in recent years, particularly over the last decade. Research has shown that high school juniors who enroll in photography courses demonstrate a greater likelihood of graduation. Interestingly, this correlation appears to be especially strong and notably positive for students who come from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, indicating an important trend that warrants further exploration and understanding (Banks & Oakley, 2016).

6.1. Cognitive development and creative enhancement

This subsection describes several cognitive advantages that result from participation in art education and photography within an artistic context. First, it describes the specific cognitive benefits associated with art appreciation and formal learning art appreciation courses, which include a strengthened comprehension of analyzing and evaluating art at the professional scholar level after formal learning articulates the hierarchy of the art world during the formal education process. In this part, as clearly stated, the result of the proposed model together with a relevant questionnaire is very carefully presented. Additionally, how the articulation of the cognitive comprehension of art and photography, in particular, acts as a stimulus to ingenuity is explained. A snapshot from the field of photography serves as the illustration, and appreciating artworks is expounded upon beyond the act of creation to include the elaborative processes that culminate in the final version of the piece (Leder & Nadal, 2014). In addition, personal preferences are very important in logically influencing the understanding of a photograph. All these conclusions provide strong evidence, which is based on systematically collected data, in support of new propositions on art and the development of cognition in children. Finally, how performing art activities greatly enhances the impact on the cognition area across different ages of human beings is explained.

The text underscores the importance of these results, highlighting the need to incorporate artistry into daily activities and to consider further research into this journey for all ages and beliefs, henceforth strengthening the idea of nurturing proper cognitive development at every stage of life. Moreover, some previous research has focused on the more peripheral components of the visual system in relation to brain science. This includes studying eye movement within photography and art in relation to the cognitive sciences, studies of the aesthetic cognition shown by some family

members who decorate walls with photographs, and comparisons between verbalized and nonverbalized visual search tasks related to art by masters and novices. In addition, the visual art created by students and other content-based observers reveals remarkable insights. Photographs constitute illustrations that contain many mute narratives. Appreciation encompasses giving verbal commentary, picture descriptions, and dialog about each work on display. Strikingly, even a photograph that is considered uninteresting is likely to evoke an interest in appreciation processes (Becker, 2017).

7. Challenges and Opportunities in Integrating Technology in Art Education

Since the impact of the development of new technologies on artificial education is a very recent issue and implies the need to rethink strategies by defining new methodologies, this text outlines the dual nature of challenges and opportunities in that field. The text being proposed is intended to open dialog to deepen the reflection and answer the questions raised in other parts of the symposiums. Given the proposed design, the schools must have precise equipment, such as computers, printers, CD writers, public address systems and data shows, color boxes (each box allows the gathering of equipment and improper materials for photography, plastic or paper backgrounds of different colors), color printers, scanners, digital cameras (a camera per group of four students), video cameras, two digital video cameras with 3 filters, accessories and dedicated software, and advertising and design strategies. In addition, it is an assumption that teachers are prepared and motivated to test new equipment (Collins & Halverson, 2018). Before the activities, because teachers should be trained, it would become possible to involve all the Teachers and Subjects Departments of the school in this project. As the entry-level point, the school chooses the smallest scale of the project: a 10-week project with a group of students from the secondary school and the arts course. Not all students have access to computers or the internet. With this methodology, students will be able to search for images. The Chief Executive Multimédia releases software and upgrades it to develop this methodology with other users of this equipment. Given the traditional painting projects, the school, during the academic years, challenges the students of the visual arts course, under the curricular discipline of photography and design, to work differently. It offers the use of New Technologies equipment. The students must develop research in the photography process to build and create a time machine. Then, they presented it through a

wide variety of means of artwork: a photomontage, a slide-show, a video, a CD_IMM and an anarchic book. Access, or a lack of access and community availability, is a primary reason why educators cannot adopt particular applications of technology. Educational policies, at a systemic level, are called into question. At the national/European level, the existing situation fluctuates. With the increasing role of new technologies in the system of education, either neglected everyday pedagogical practices or technologically avant-garde curricula are in use throughout different countries. According to the most optimistic relationships, schools have become virtual environments, with interactive classes and information superhighways. At the same time, school networks have recently connected class rooms. In contrast, and possibly the majority, educators, students, resources, and budget allocations have been used since several years of expression machines and personal computers. There is no public network, access is rare, and informed surfing is expensive. Broadband service seems to be a luxury reserved only for universities and companies beyond the market of knowledge. Portugal situates itself in this second scenario. More than three hundred Portuguese schools have hardly a single personal computer. There are no other pieces of equipment that date from several years and are mostly received as educational facilities. The compulsory schools are, to some extent, equipped with several computers. The program should solve this problem until all the schools of the Education Ministry disputes have, at least, machines. With respect to the balance of the schools of the public network, this entity is the exception of major, and the Autonomous Region depends on the policy of the Autarchy. Some have prefaced an effort in New Technologies of Communications of Information. Mostly in Lisbon, personal computers for multimedia education are acceptable, but efforts are centered on the 4th grade, which is seen as a prebasis before changing to the rigorous quadro. Higher levels of education are discarded from those investments. Moreover, there is no equipment for arts courses, such as designer equipment, scanners, digital cameras, and video camcorders, which may become schools with multiple equipment. However, the ease of operative use demands previous training. The departments' curricula have different approaches to the use of equipment. The joint experimentation would allow multidisciplinary projects. Otherwise, the investment of the multimedia equipment in the disciplines of the Arts course may set bas to a target education, developing pedagogics projects according to methodology (Boss & Krauss, 2022).

7.1. Access and Equity Issues in Technological Integration

In the academic literature, there has been a substantial amount of discussion regarding the rapid pace at which a myriad of new innovations have been integrated into the U.S. educational system over the past two decades. Specifically, technology has been highlighted as particularly significant owing to its ubiquity in daily life and its almost constant progression, always evolving and adapting to new contexts and needs. However, notably, less attention has been devoted to examining the consistency of technological access across different institutions, schools, and communities. Furthermore, consideration is often lacking regarding how these technological advancements might contribute to further disadvantaging already marginalized groups within the educational landscape (Cascio & Montealegre, 2016). This discrepancy in access is particularly relevant to the K-12 visual arts classroom, with a specific focus on photography. This educational space represents a crucial area where there exists a premium on working within large-format film processes, which is an advanced technology that is notably expensive and generally outside the financial reach of the majority of K-12 schools, especially those that are public institutions. While almost all high school photography classes in the United States offer digital photography courses as a primary option, it is striking that the number of classes available in affluent districts still supersedes the rest. The effects of such disparity impact both the teaching standards offered, owing to the relative ease of access to advanced materials and tools, and the levels of exclusion experienced by students regarding the imposed sociostructural dominative frameworks in which they are forced to exist. This particular chapter focuses on the more advanced and emerging technologies available to students and educators, their application and relevance for fulfilling equity policies among different regions and communities and the social class divides alongside them. With respect to the literature, I employed scholarly materials that helped explain these issues from a public policy perspective, analyzed the relevant policy-laden debates on inequality, and examined the gaps in policies aimed toward educational resources and access.

8. Professional development for art educators in photography

Seeking, attaining and maintaining technological advances and pedagogical strategies in photography can challenge any art educator calling for consistent professional development. Numerous pathways are open for professional growth for these specialists, who provide public

education in the photo arts. Continuous learning regarding emerging technology and innovative artistic approaches is a valuable path for personal growth in the field of photo arts education. Online courses are also readily available for personal growth in photo arts instructional approaches. However, intensive, thoughtful, and sustained focus on photo arts, either alone or in professional learning communities, offers a pathway for professional growth.

Each year, a new array of digital devices or applications evolve in photography, and photo arts educators can harness these tools to enhance student exploration of the forms, composition, perspective, lighting, or focal distance of photographic art. Staying current with an updated list of the best creative photographic apps can support educators in helping students rely on photography techniques to more effectively reveal artistic emotions and ideas. As a pedagogy-supported pathway for personal growth, those who specialize in providing instruction in photo arts utilize creative instructional strategies to encourage students' conceptual exploration of creative photographic art.

In expository representational forms, peer educators create instructional practices that task and engage students in a range of artistic theoretical concepts, historical contexts, and personal artistic introspection. Because photo arts specialists are knowledgeable about artistic theory and the historical context of photography and students' requirements, students are encouraged to explore ideas for a sequence of three creative photographic artworks that investigate and test the boundaries of common expressive forms in the visual world that may be lost in representational translation.

8.1. Workshops and Conferences for Professional Growth

As art educators, it is vital to attend related workshops and conferences to gain expertise and stay vital in emerging practices and aesthetics (Margaret Kacir, 2014). The topics are approximately the same, such as new photography techniques or educational methodologies. In addition, these venues provide opportunities for hands-on learning obligatory in the teaching of studio art. There are workshops and conferences with collaborative projects; these should be sought. Professional growth training for artists and art educators should focus on networking with peers or experts in the field. These can result in interesting art projects or inspire innovative teaching practices. To this end, avenues have to be actively pursued. Some mechanisms for feedback to improve professional skills would be useful. They are rarely provided through universities or professional

development units at the workplace. Additionally, some advice for selecting appropriate workshops and conferences is needed. In college, a tendency to choose events heavy in academia has been noted: enormous boring affairs with panel discussions and lectures, leaving little room for camaraderie or just good chats. However, the best professional growth experiences have always been small hands-on workshops or roundtables with generous time for discussions and an almost private tutoring environment. It is recommended to look for professional venues with this format. Finally, these seminars offer hope for beginning art educators. In addition, while they are filled with terrific ideas and suggestions, it ultimately boils down to learning by doing. Automatic teaching just won't click; the feedback and reflections would fine-tune the professional individual approach. Pursuing art education will be highly engaging and worthwhile right after, as long as the learning process continues. Tinkering and experimenting in an art form is highly encouraged.

9. Case Studies of Successful Art Education Programs

9. Shaping Concepts: Contextual Factors

Creativity is widely regarded as a crucial element that drives learners toward original, appropriate, and clear communication, particularly through the medium of photography. Photovoice stands out as a poignant form of documentary and participatory photography. Advocates of photovoice seek to implement mechanisms, unveil solutions, and provide representations from the distinct perspectives of community members. Given the prevalence and accessibility of digital photography in contemporary society, an increased focus on photography becomes imperative. Implementing photovoice techniques along with reflective practices in photography can effectively overcome the common limitations associated with a lack of attention and creativity frequently observed in standard photography classes. The integration of photography into the curriculum arguably has the greatest qualitative benefits when philosophical aspects from various artists and critics are included. Captivating pathways to stimulate artistically include the feedback loops generated through artistic production and participation, which enrich experiences in cultural and performing arts. Reflection on art involves deepening the imagination and creativity of students in the context of photography. Students have contributed and engaged creatively in a project such as a coin ring project and an emboss metal project, whereby students assumed the roles of both artists and event managers for the projects. These students have succeeded in

expanding the boundaries of creativity in their design of experiences, object design, materials, and thoughtful considerations. Compelling examples illustrating this creative journey can be observed in the case studies examining the artworks produced in each lesson, which depict rich diversity in approaches to interpretation. These projects encourage creativity in students with their design choices and their arrangements of objects to certain themes and perspectives that provide deeper understanding.

Additionally, modifications to the scope of field trips and many other activities can enhance strands' performance in creative perception and artistic production skillfully and to a great extent. Such undertakings assist in cultivating the habit of reflection within art disciplines. The design workshops involved eight different design departments across six universities located in the northern part of Taiwan. The students, who shared a certain degree of foundational knowledge in the arts, had diverse majors and disciplines. All the students were required to take two fundamental courses in photography and art. These courses, which sought to deepen the participants' understanding and skills, were taught with varying forms of reasoning regarding the role of photography as visual thinking. Each class had an enrollment of close to fifty students, and the study was conducted via a case study approach. A secondary school art tutor with five years of experience teaching photography to high school juniors and a primary-level photography tutor with twenty years in the field worked on this project. There was an attempt to bring together a more seasoned and somewhat less seasoned teacher to the arts. The two attempted to bring together art with photography, drawing from a number of discussions based on their experiences to guide them. This included initial design considerations for the curriculum, its execution, and subsequent reflections of the teaching and learning activities that were implemented.

Column I presents Evolution. For the other works performed, the other columns received evolution, progressers and the earliest stage. The problem is that only photomist testruns have physical value. I organized the materials, including assignment instructions, student reflections on the artworks and photographic processes, and the photographs that the students tried doing. I composed the materials into files. After completing the above, I undertook some rudimentary contrastive and theoretical reflections with regard to the materials to analyze while focusing on the segments of digital photography and fine art.

In the end, to be formulated and articulated are the ways in which approaches and creativity in photography strategies and outcomes to be documented captured, which are presented as compelling propositions, recommendations, such as those focused on care, suggest the development of photography through better-designed curricula to obtain instructions in principles made of frameworks that transform creativity to the utmost, especially in educational environments.

9.1. Using Photography to Teach Visual Literacy

Art education frequently emphasizes studio arts; however, it actually encompasses an extensive range of disciplines far beyond mere drawing and painting. Much like how visuals in multimedia are analyzed through the lens of art historical significance and cultural context, which is separate from the hand skills necessary for image creation, photography can also be offered as a course. This course would reveal the operational mechanisms of photography as well as its far-reaching social effects. The advent of photography fundamentally transformed society and raised pertinent questions regarding its established institutions, agencies, and operational practices. Several important issues and experiential skills from these various realms can then be taught with an emphasis on their impact on photography. This strategy unlocks novel pathways in course design, enhancing the two-way relationship between material and audience interaction. Photography can be examined through a myriad of perspectives, and it is employed in numerous diverse contexts. Some individuals take a deep dive into the analysis of photographic works. Increasingly, individuals and organizations are being called upon to produce compelling photographs, integrating them into videos, website designs, and multimedia presentations, or even constructing large-scale set pieces. Companies still require visually appealing presentations of their products, innovations, and work environments for potential clients, leading to a growing demand for photographers, who can create high-quality images, thus introducing a fresh array of technical and aesthetic considerations. The type of photography addressed here is particular and distinct from other common strategies used in promotion, fashion, damage control, or mere pictorial documentation. It primarily encompasses two general categories of photographic works: those that are starkly intense and those that are ordinary yet unexpectedly engaging. Moreover, this exploration includes practical examples and innovative techniques for incorporating photography

in ways that are uniquely suited to the traditional classroom environment. Simply encouraging a close reading of photography can yield profoundly transformative educational effects, sparking interest and inspiring students to engage more deeply with the visual world around them. (Walters, 2009)

10. Ethical considerations in the use of technology in photography education

Our students are ever more immersed in a visually plug-in culture that values photography style, whereas in our standard-curriculum culture, there is often less familiarity with photography as a rich craft, a vehicle for personal and social inquiry and a technology full of must-know concepts. This study establishes a foundation for integrating photography education as an art and visual inquiry strategy in our standard-driven, urban environment. It seeks to explore the value-added benefits of the intentional implementation of photography education in some initial ways that involve digital photography and some writing (Walters, 2009). For broader implementation, it strives to develop resources to spin off teacher–student opportunities for professionally developing personal art of photography and visual literacy instruction and expand a rich curriculum array around photography arts and arts integration. There are several reasons why photography education is being actively promoted around the world. Photography is a powerful medium that can change the life of a prepared photographer observer. A fluency in photography can make an individual more able to meaningfully describe the world or stories to others and provide a feeling of empowerment. In education on the whole, having photography as a new unit capably covers more key points in the mandated curriculum. Because it dovetails so with socials and language in high-use areas, it can also be a delivery vehicle for mastering “Key Concepts” starting in the elementary years. Efforts to engage students in photography, a high-interest technology full of “must-know” concepts and lingo, obey logic. Photography is about light language, energy, life, and light perception. It is a marriage between science and art that transcends culture, age, and gender. Photography is not only an accessible, user-friendly “voice” tailor made for kids developmentally different from that for adults (more hands-on, multimodal, and drawing from the visceral) but can also teach a comprehensive technical visual IQ in visual-dominated societies. Eye exercises, perspective, dating, ethics, multicultural, fast tips, and historical lessons are usually carried out. A multiconcept climbing curriculum linking language, storytelling, art, media art, and

environmental studies typically follows schools through a multigrade walk-about. A social photography program is found to help teach school photography, promoting teamwork across this department and clearly less-spoken visual instinct. A secondary artistic culture program can clean up on tourist dollars and help transfer invisible visual culture. There is much room for evolution and perpetual learning there, making for a fascinating and life-long education.

10.1. Copyright and Fair Use in Student Photography Projects

In the digital age, copyright and fair use confront educators and learners in ways once unimaginable. The misuse of images is rampant, evidenced in everything from daily newspapers to student projects. Widely publicized and heavily enforced, the mere mention of copyright terms makes teachers shy away from challenging creative opportunities that involve the myriad of circumstances encompassed by copyright and fair use. However, art educators should not forget that stellar creative opportunities are inherently challenging and that the mere resolution of conflict is a creative act in itself. A brief look at technology reveals a medium that is transformational in nature. In harnessing the right tools and following tested guidelines, digital imagery projects can effect positive educational and social change while remaining compliant with copyright law (Kenneth Clark, 1998).

Copyright grants creators of original works exclusive rights. This includes the right to reproduce or copy the works, create derivative works, distribute the works, display or exhibit the works, and/or perform the works. Simple registration of work with the U.S. Copyright Office is enough for a creator to sue for actual damage and additional damage of up to \$150,000 per act of infringement. Copyright does not protect ideas, concepts, slogans, or names unless fixed in a tangible medium. Images are fixed in a tangible medium and thus always protected by copyright laws whether they carry a copyright symbol or not. Using or duplicating someone else's image in any medium is illegal unless that use falls under fair use exemption or qualifies as a de minimis use. It is also illegal to circumvent technological measures to prevent the unauthorized use of work.

11. Future directions in art education and photography

This chapter takes a critical look at future directions in the fields of art education and photography. With recent technological advancements that heavily dictate norms, education is constantly

evolving to meet the needs of an ever-changing society. The birth of the internet and smartphones as well as omnidirectional cameras with 360° lenses are just some of the technological advancements that are set to reshape art education and photography practices. Future photographers and artists will be able to take advantage of such innovations to unleash their creativity and artistic interpretations. Virtual reality (VR) is another innovation that is taking off and is already being used as a tool to draw, animate, and illustrate. Further directions are presented alongside implications and the need to adopt these new technologies. Immersive learning with the use of virtual, augmented and mixed reality technologies, along with 360° cameras, is beginning to take off. Prospective educators no longer consider the pyramids of Giza, the Parthenon, or Vincent van Gogh but rather take students inside the pyramids at Giza, let them walk around the Parthenon, attend a Greek play, or allow them to watch as sunflower seeds paint themselves in a large room. Artificial intelligence may also step up; an AI app that suggests a more emotional style of photography or provides feedback on lighting angles. Thus, it is the responsibility of future educators and artists to be aware of and embrace such tools (Johnson & Skarphol, 2018). All that is needed is an open mind and a bit of imagination to make the most of these new tools and enhance teaching and engagement with those learning about art while exploring their own artistic freedom.

11.1. Virtual and Augmented Reality Applications in Art Education

This chapter first explores technological advances in general and then closely investigates the role of technological advances in the field of photography. It will look at how the development of digital technology, virtual and augmented reality, and artificial intelligence are affecting and shaping the medium and how these technologies can stimulate creativity and introduce new approaches and methods of image-making. This section will also inquire into how educators, policymakers, curators, and practitioners can develop and manage the changes that the development and introduction of these technologies are bringing forth. Although the photography medium will be closely inspected in the latter part of this chapter, technological advances as a topic sail beyond photography, call for interdisciplinary research, and reach from programming to biology, from maths to art.

An examination of the relationships between new technologies and material objects with an emphasis on the impact of digital technologies on photography and photographs reveals how

digital technologies have become integrated into both professional photographic processes and daily practices. New photographic technologies such as cameras offer new visual experiments and new collaboration possibilities but equally pose questions about visual literacy and medium-definition contemporary approaches. These discourses—visual literacy, medium-definition, artistic experimentations—typically circle around and unfold within the field of art education. Here, the influence that technological evolution has on the photographic medium is extensively engaged with; the photograph is analyzed for its isotopic composition; creative opportunities impelled by the constant development of photographic technology are nurtured, scrutinized, and presented. However, what does this mean for the actual creation of the photograph, for the education and training of future artists? How can the capacity to combine and excel in different photographic techniques—from wet plate collodion to scanography—find integration in the educational policies and curricula currently implemented across the world?

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Annexure - I

Table 1: Summary of Research on Arts-Based Approaches and Emotional Creativity in Education

Author	Objective	Methodology	Key findings	Technical tools used	Impact on creativity	Educational Context	Challenges Identified	Recommendations
(Archibald et al., 2024)	The objective of this scoping review was to examine how arts-based approaches have been used in priority setting research in order to provide an overview and needed direction in this emerging area.	The authors conducted a scoping review following Arksey and O'Malley's 5-step framework. They searched three databases, conducted reference list mining, and hand-searched two journals to identify relevant articles. Data were extracted and analyzed to produce narrative and descriptive summaries.	All included articles had some degree of health focus, with areas of priority setting centering on chronic illness, hard to reach populations, cancer survivorship, dental reform, and youth. The majority of articles utilized visual arts-based methods, with some incorporating multiple art forms such as music, drawing, and filmmaking. Qualitative methods were used in all articles	The authors did not report the use of any specific technological tools.	The authors noted that arts-based approaches were often considered by authors to be creative or innovative.	The review did not focus on educational contexts, but included one article that had a youth focus.	Limitations on time and resources for implementing arts-based approaches; Lack of attention to the theoretical underpinnings of the arts-based approaches employed.	Further attention to the integration of arts-based approaches within priority setting, their theoretical underpinnings, and concurrent development and evaluation of arts-based priority setting methods are warranted. Expanding the application of arts-based priority setting beyond the health sciences to other sectors (e.g., environmental, educational, criminal justice) could provide new insights. Incorporating empirical

			<p>alongside the arts-based approaches, encompassing techniques such as interviews, discussions, and storytelling. Priority setting activities were mainly facilitated in group settings. Suggested benefits of arts-based approaches included enhancing participant communication, improving accessible research dissemination, and encouraging dialogues on identified health concerns. Challenges included limitations on</p>					<p>evaluation of the benefits and challenges of arts-based priority setting from the perspectives of both participants and researchers is recommended.</p>
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			time and resources.					
(Fürst et al., 2024)	The article examines how teachers at a Swedish folk high school coordinate students' activities through tests. It investigates how the teachers' tests destabilize the prevailing understanding of what art "is," support the students to collectively explore and experiment with materials, and highlight promising dimensions	The study is based on ethnographic descriptions of exercises, assignments, presentations, and exhibitions that test students' engagement at a Swedish folk high school.	The teachers' tests destabilize the prevailing understanding of what art "is," support the students to collectively explore and experiment with materials, and highlight promising dimensions in their art-making. The tests create a contradiction of freedom: the freedom to find their unique voice and follow their inner calling, versus the explicit and imposed expectation to express their freedom in a certain way. The art courses at the folk high school	Not mentioned	The tests are designed to encourage an open-ended and explorative mode of artistic engagement, where reality can be reformed and seen anew.	Swedish folk high schools, which provide non-formal adult education with an emphasis on personal growth, creativity, and community engagement.	The teachers' ambitious and radical agenda to challenge the conventional view of art proves hard to materialize in practice due to multiple practical obstacles and contradictions. There are paradoxes pertaining to freedom, such as the tension between art and ethics, the expectation to be unique yet ordinary, and the aim to be egalitarian and inclusive while being eccentric and individualistic.	Not explicitly provided

	in their art-making.		contain paradoxes pertaining to freedom, such as the tension between art and ethics, the expectation to be unique yet ordinary, and the aim to be egalitarian and inclusive while being eccentric and individualistic.					
(Núñez-Cacho et al., 2024)	To provide an overview of the current state of research on the application of AI in the art world and an analysis of how CE principles are being incorporated, considering the interactions	The authors followed the steps proposed by Denyer and Tranfield for a systematic literature review, including research question formulation, identification of studies, selection and evaluation of studies, analysis and synthesis, and reporting of results and discussion.	The academic literature addressing the study of the intersection of AI, art, and the CE is growing. Relevant research was identified during the review period, with a predominance of literature reviews observing the importance of	Neural networks, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational autoencoders (VAEs), Non-Photorealistic Rendering (NPR) algorithms, Evolutionary algorithms,	AI-powered generative content in art allows for new creative possibilities, automating processes that produce works of art. However, there are concerns about the role of the artist and the perception of	Design education can be reconceptualized to generate social change, promoting the transformation of processes towards sustainability.	Integrating AI and sustainability, addressing the environmental impact of emission of greenhouse gases during artistic creation processes, and ensuring responsible and ethical use of AI in art.	Further research is needed to study the full potential of AI and the CE in the world of art, as the technologies have already made a strong impact on the art world, and this trend will likely grow over time.

	between AI and the CE.		data management and machine learning. There is a great dispersion in the publications, with articles from different journals.	Swarm intelligence	creativity when using AI systems.			
(Kozinets et al., 2017)	To examine museum selfies as a form of identity work, focusing on the context of museums, where art, culture, history, and education merge into the selfie taking behaviors of patrons.	The authors used ethnography and netnography methods, analyzing selfie-taking behaviors of museum visitors in North America, Europe, and South America, as well as online data from social media.	Museum selfies are a complex, multicontextual, and multidimensional phenomenon that can reveal information about identity work, dramaturgy, and impression management. Museum settings provide opportunities for visitors to both confirm existing identities and explore alternative selves. Selfie-taking can be a	Social media, online data, digital photography	The authors suggest that museum selfies can be a form of creative, individual, and aesthetic expression, challenging traditional notions of art and museum experiences.	The study examines how museum settings and selfie-taking behaviors intersect with issues of identity, culture, and education.	The complex, multidimensional nature of museum selfies, and the need for a more contextualized understanding of this phenomenon.	The authors call for further interdisciplinary research to explore the varying contexts and multifaceted aspects of museum selfie-taking.

			destabilizing social force, challenging traditional museum dynamics and power structures.					
(González-Zamar & Abad-Segura, 2021)	The aim was to analyze the research during the period 1917–2020 and determine the emerging directions of research on emotional creativity in arts education.	Mathematical and statistical techniques were applied to 984 articles extracted from the Scopus database. The sample only included articles from the subject areas Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Psychology. International collaborations between journals, authors, research institutions, and countries/territories were studied. Bibliometric indicators were used to analyze activity and	Five lines of research were identified: emotion, higher education, art, and leadership. Future research directions were identified: Visual art education, Affective paradigm, Metacompetency, Expressive arts therapy group, Cognitive empathy.	Scopus database, VOSviewer software	The study establishes the link between psychology, neuroscience, and artistic education to constitute the decision-making of the promoters of this topic of research.	The study focuses on emotional creativity in art education.	Some leading researchers on certain topics publish few papers, but these are of great relevance. Bibliometric techniques could be combined with other qualitative or quantitative methodologies to increase results and discussions. The study could be expanded with articles extracted from other databases.	The identification of emerging directions in research allows academics and researchers to reorient their future works, and institutions and funding centers to ensure an adequate approach to their objectives.

		structural relationships. VOSviewer software was used for co-citation and co-occurrence analysis.						
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