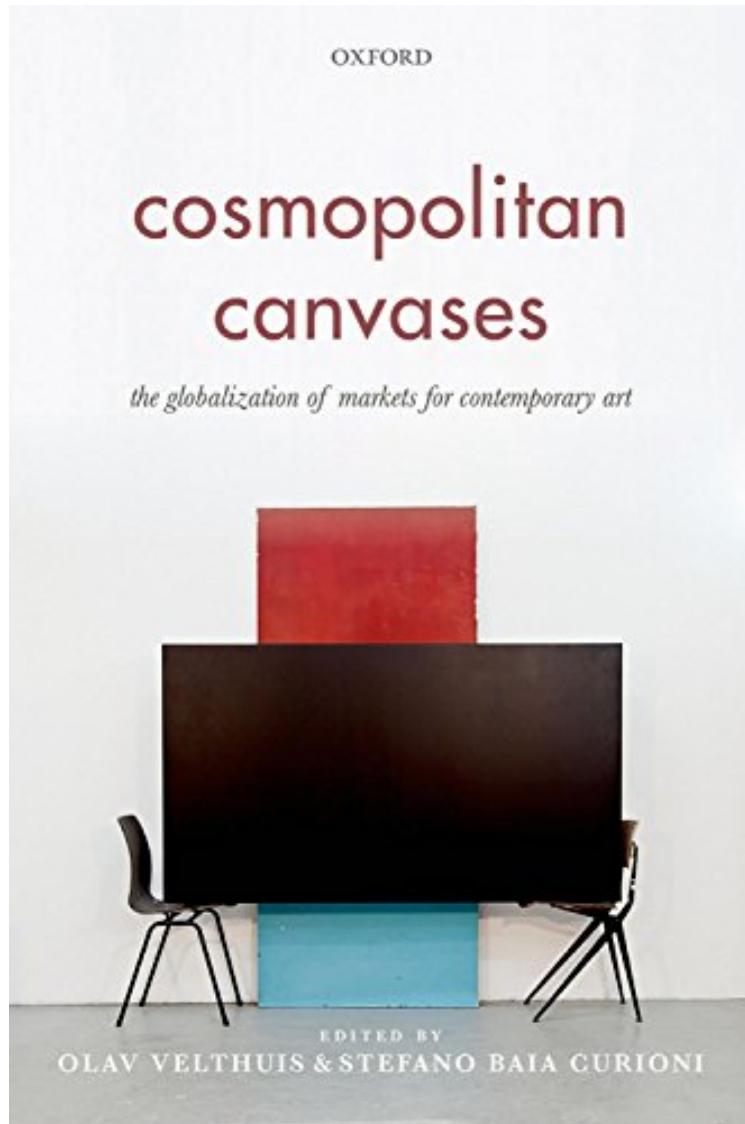


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Since the late 1990s, contemporary art markets have emerged rapidly outside of Europe and the United States. China is

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