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The Routledge Handbook of Global Comics

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This volume will bring together concise, scholarly introductions to comics around the world. We are hoping to be able to offer chapters on as many different countries' comics industries and traditions, histories, and socio-cultural influences as possible in order for this volume to work as a corrective to the largely US- and Euro-centric guides to comics currently available. Each section will be arranged geographically and will offer fresh, accessible introductions to comics from every corner of the globe.

We are seeking chapters delineated by country. Depending on the country, we'd like to divide them by time period, language, or genre. For example, within Aotearoa New Zealand, we would be open to chapters on both Māori and Anglophone histories.

We are especially interested in chapters on countries in Africa, Asia, and SWANA, as these areas currently have limited representation within Comics Studies.

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A tentative date for the full draft chapter is December 2026, with more details to follow soon.

If you're interested in contributing a chapter, **please let us know by 1 July 2026.**

We're happy to answer any questions you might have or to talk about the volume in more detail.

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