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This special issue of Philosophy of Photography contains 15 articles relating the work and the heritage of Aby Warburg and, in particular, the apparatus of his library to the present. The articles collected here were first delivered to an international colloquium held on 29-30 June 2016 at the Kulturwissenschaftliche Bibliothek Warburg in Hamburg. The aim of this event was to reconsider Warburg's celebrated institution as a form of machinery that not only orchestrated his research practice but that also promises to inform our understanding of the digital, of images in general and their modes of temporal inscription.

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