



# The National Grid #9

Based in Aotearoa, *The National Grid* is a periodical dedicated to research in the field of graphic design.

The journal takes an expansive view on graphic design as it intersects with culture, society, politics and histories. As a practice fundamentally concerned with the reproduction and distribution of language, graphic design—*The National Grid* suggests—is significantly more interesting, and more impactful, than purely market-led or ‘value added’ narratives tend to imply. Not quite ‘magazine’ and not quite ‘academic journal’, *The National Grid* attempts to chart a path through the murky wasteland between professional practice and academia, art and design.

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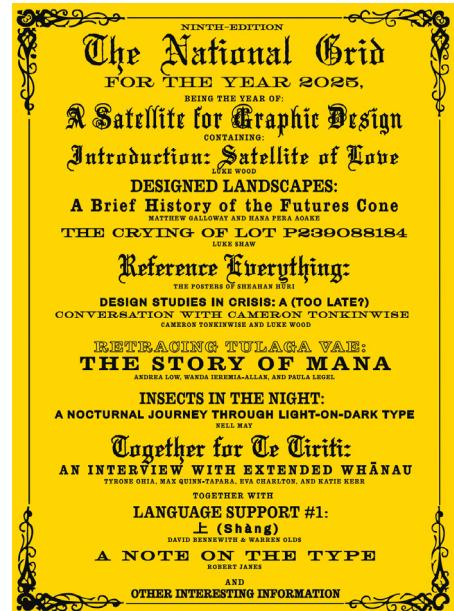
*The National Grid #9* takes on the current climate of design education, looks back to Pasifika publishing histories and sketches out diagrams for possible futures (and more!). It features contributions from Hana Pera Aoake, Luke Shaw, Sheahan Huri, Cameron Tonkinwise, Andrea Low, Wanda Iremia-Allan, Paula Legel, Nell May, Tyrone Ohia, Max Quinn-Tapara, Eva Charlton, David Bennewith, and Warren Olds.

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