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'Blood of My Blood' (2016), J. Bender (dir.), *Game of Thrones*, Season 6 Episode 6 (29 May, USA: HBO).

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Roussel, Raymond ([1914] 1996), *Locus Solus*, Paris: Gallimard.

Ströter-Bender, Jutta (1995), *L'Art contemporain dans les pays du Tiers Monde* (trans. O. Barlet), Paris: L'Harmattan.

UNDESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs) (2005), *Report on Reinventing Government*, New York: United Nations.

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Zhang, Yimou (2004), *Shi mian mai fu (House of Flying Daggers)*, China: Beijing New Picture Film Co.

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