

## EDITORIAL

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In April of this year, we assumed the editorial responsibilities of ethic@ with the objective of modernizing its structure and operations. In 2026, the journal will commemorate 25 years of uninterrupted publication—a milestone we intend to honour by implementing a series of substantial improvements. As the first Brazilian digital journal in the field of philosophy, ethic@ has always embraced an innovative spirit, which we now seek to reaffirm through this new editorial phase.

To underpin these forthcoming changes, we have received the support of the UFSC Portal de Periódicos. We are particularly grateful to Juliana A. Gulka for her comprehensive diagnostic assessment of the journal and for devising a strategic improvement plan aimed at preserving its open access nature (via PKP's Open Journal Systems), thereby ensuring its continued commitment to the dissemination of ethical knowledge. This mission remains especially vital considering contemporary challenges, such as those posed by Artificial Intelligence (AI), which compel us to reassess our editorial policies—an initiative already underway.

As an initial measure, we announce the transition from a quarterly journal to a continuous publication model. This implies that, upon getting two favourable double-blind peer reviews, the editorial and publication processes will begin without delay. The objective of this change is to optimize the timeframe between manuscript submission and public dissemination. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that a recurring bottleneck in the editorial workflow lies in the difficulty of securing timely peer reviews. We appeal, then, to our collaborators to expedite the evaluation process of submitted manuscripts to the extent possible.

We are also undertaking the renewal and expansion of the Editorial Board, both nationally and internationally, with a deliberate effort to promote diversity and inclusivity. Among our strategic goals is the broadening of our community of authors and readers, which we anticipate will contribute to improved bibliometric indicators, such as the journal's current h5-index of 6 and h5-median of 7. In the coming period, we will pursue inclusion in additional international indexing databases to further enhance the academic visibility and societal relevance of ethic@.

Finally, we would like to clarify that the significant delays in publication and communication experienced in recent years were not solely due to the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 or to the resource constraints affecting public universities but also stemmed from internal challenges within the editorial team. We reaffirm our commitment to addressing these issues through structural improvements, thereby ensuring that ethic@ continues to serve as a leading platform for the dissemination of high-quality scholarship in the field of ethics.

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**Notas**

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