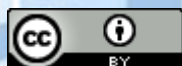


## EDITORIAL

INTERthesis opens its first issue of 2014 with the dossier entitled *Interdisciplinarity in teaching, research and extension*, organized by Professor Javier Ignacio Vernal, of the Interdisciplinary Graduate program in human sciences at the Federal University of Santa Catarina. For its composition, were gathered some of the contributions presented and discussed during the International Symposium on Interdisciplinarity in teaching, research and Extension-SIIPE 2013 South – held at the Federal University of Santa Catarina, between October 23 and 25, 2013. This academic meeting was one out of the five regional meetings that occurred in the same year (North, Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and South) as part of the preparation of the III International Academic meeting - *Interdisciplinarity in Brazilian Universities*, which took place at the headquarters of the CAPES, in Brasilia in May 2014. All this activity was coordinated and promoted by the chambers of CAPES responsible for the interdisciplinary graduate courses, along with Brazilian universities that hosted the respective regional symposia.

The dossier opens with one of the most recognized voices in the worldwide debate on interdisciplinarity, Claude Raynaut, with the text – *The Contemporary Challenges of production of knowledge: the call for interdisciplinarity*, that not only underscores the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to dealing with the complexity of contemporary problems, but also identifies some theoretical and methodological principles which will make it possible to build a project of interdisciplinary practice in different areas of teaching and research.

Next, comes the text by José Ivo Follmann - *Dialoguing with the concepts of Transdisciplinarity and University extension: paths to the future of the educational institutions* – which focuses on the importance of Transdisciplinarity and the University extension in order to decrease the gap there is today between academia and society. The author presents concrete examples in order to identify



some of the challenges involved in the institutionalization of Transdisciplinarity in academia.

Then, the text by Luiz Bevilacqua - ***About the University in Brazil in the era of culture shock. Education for technology*** – focuses on the need for a new University in the face of the complexity of the current scenario. His text presents a proposal for a university structure in the Brazilian context and discusses the case of the Federal University of the ABC (SP), a University structured under a supradisciplinary perspective, and of which the author was the first Rector.

Finally, the text by Professor Eduardo Luft - ***The problem of Transdisciplinarity: Science and philosophy today*** - offers a thought-provoking reflection upon the origin of the problem of Transdisciplinarity, and associates this problem to the crisis of philosophy and modern reason.

Continuing, this issue displays, in the Articles Section, eight contributions, starting with ***Luther's heritage in the light of the modernizations in politics and economics***, by Hernán Gabriel Borisonik, which makes an analysis of the ways in which the political thought has linked the emergence of capitalism and individualism with the Lutheran heritage.

The second article, ***The role of nature in contemporary literature: an interdisciplinary dialogue***, by David Silva Gonçalves and Eliana de Souza Ávila, analyzes how the dialogue between literature and environment can interfere actively in the behavior of the society before the ecological problems today so widely discussed. The authors use the Amazon region as a way to illustrate the importance of materially discussing this theme, proposing external alternatives to those preached by the developmental policy.

Next, the article ***Social networking Analysis***, by Carlos Leonardo Kelmer Mathias, makes a historiographical debate about social network analysis methodology. The text seeks to introduce the historian to the bibliography which is the founder of discussions about social network analysis, commonly employed by sociologists on studies tied to sociometry, and evokes that social network analysis is a methodology little spread among Brazilian historians. The text proposes to hold a brief discussion between the main interpretative lines of social network analysis, aiming at inserting the historian in his or her own methodology.

The fourth article, ***Environmental perception as an instrument of social participation in the proposition of priority area in the semi-arid***, by Mycarla Míria Lucena and Eliza Maria Freire, presents the analysis of the results of research carried out in a community of the mountainous complex of the Brazilian semi-arid (Sierra João do Vale). The authors point out that the 'environmental perception' has been a widely used instrument, and relevant in studies that include the relationships between the environment and human actions, by providing analyses of the perceptions, attitudes and values, main components of topophilia, which reverberates in conservation actions.

Then Simone Bochi Dorneles and Flávia Charão Marques present the text ***Collective research and rural development: a proposal for the generation of knowledge***. It is a reflection on the potential of collective research approach in rural development-related processes. The collectives are understood as research communities, in which various social actors interact in the generation of knowledge, transposing physical, institutional, methodological and epistemological barriers.

The sixth article, ***Identifying the theme of sustainability in journalistic texts: circumstantial analysis***, by the authors Monica Filomena Caron and Gabriela Rosa Lee, examines the ways in which the news on sustainability are presented, concerning designations, scope, depth, reach of tendencies and several ideological manifestations found in the newspapers Folha de Sao Paulo and O Estado de São Paulo.

In the sequence, this issue presents Environmental ***ethics: nature as a vital movement***, by Doris Gomes and Sonia Terezinha Felipe. The focus is on the analysis of environmental ethics developed under two theoretical axes: the first one emphasizes the relationship between the moral agent and the moral patient, with the universalization of the moral maxims, including all living beings, rational and non-rational, in moral considerability; the second one discusses the interest in the maintenance of life, which encompasses this relationship of reciprocity, where killing another living being can become an operational problem of natural survival - either right or wrong - while the natural and human values are inserted in these concerns.

In the last article of this section, Juliana Clemente Machado and Rita Leal Paixão describe in ***The domestic cat representation in different sociocultural contexts and the connections with animal ethics***, the beliefs and ritual uses of

cats in different cultures, reflecting on how the symbolism of this feline relates to ethical issues. Education and the proper implementation of laws are pointed as important factors to change this anthropocentric and speciesist paradigm, inconsistent with the prospects of animal ethics.

Next, this issue introduces two texts in the Essay Section. In the first text, **Norbert Elias and Michel Foucault – indications for a relational thematization of the notion of power**, the authors Marcelo Moraes e Silva, André Mendes Capraro, Juliano de Souza and Wanderley Marchi Júnior reflect on some of the theoretical conceptions of Norbert Elias and Michel Foucault, particularly as regards the use of the notion of power as a structuring and central concept in their respective theoretical productions and set of broader socio-philosophical reflections.

In the second essay, **Impressions of contemporary times: market, financial crisis and the world of work**, Vagner Luís da Silva emphasizes some aspects of contemporary social changes resuming unequivocal themes of importance at the present time, as well as the best known interpretations produced about them, such as the centrality of the market; the increasing financialisation of the economy and the dynamics of labor relations in contemporary times, especially before the recent crisis plaguing some central economies'.

This issue brings, finally, in the Reviews section, three interesting contributions: Guilherme Francisco Waterloo Radomsky reviews the book **Memórias de un soldado desconocido. Autobiography y antropología de la violencia** by Lurgio Gavilán Sánchez. Jonathan Henriques do Amaral reviews the book **Neuro: the new brain sciences and the management of the mind** by Nikolas Rose and Joelle Abi-Rached. Last but not least, Tania Regina Zimmermann presents the book **Gender and indigenous peoples** by Angela Sacchi and Márcia Maria Gramkow (Orgs.).

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