

Editorial

Raising the issue of social inclusion and interdisciplinary foundations has created an opportunity to contribute to the political-scientific debate about the concretization of new forms of sociability.

The articles in this edition of *Katálysis* express passions and tensions that run through contemporary social life. Their diversity and plurality reveal, in unique ways, efforts to produce and reproduce scientific research and practices that go beyond those paradigms that want to imprison us in a social model based on economics and the individualization of social-human rights.

Keeping pace with the intensity of the processes of inclusion-exclusion, each author participates in a public space of important dialogue concerning themes as fertile as emancipating knowledge, globalization and subjectivity, the State and democracy, social inclusion and violence, labor and participation and citizenry.

The articles test frontiers so that we can construct proposals and actions within the dynamic of academic knowledge. Moreover, the authors seek to accompany the internal movement of these proposals and actions and attempt to support them with transdisciplinary knowledge.

It is essential that we go further in the appropriation of paradigms that find opportunities by breaking with sectarianism, fragmentation and insalubrity. The complexity of current social-human environmental questions and those of power is manifest in a world where more than half of the approximately 6.5 billion people live in inadequate social conditions. This situation requires us to modify our ability to understand modernity, and with sensibility and intelligibility learn to use new theoretical tools and other forms of social-political praxis.

As the Italian thinker Antônio Negri advises: we must urgently create proposals “ for a contemporary utopia as corporeity, as liberty, and as egalitarian development of all men and women on the face of the Planet” (*Cult, ano VI* n.º 69, 2003. P.12).

The journal *Katálysis* renovates its social-scientific responsibility and each semester shares productions from different fields of investigative and scientific action and in particular, the production of Social Work. We offer sincere appreciation to those contributions in previous issues that have allowed the success of the journal until now. The works presented here are faithful to studies, research and reflections that are deeply committed to the social-political

and ecological issues of our time. They involve concepts and experiences that express a way of Being. The Being revealed in the confrontation of multiple situations with ethical-political demands by the permanent recreation of the human essence.

We would like to draw our readers attention to the fact that since 2002 the magazine has been undergoing formal changes in order to present a graphic layout in conformity with the criteria required of internationally accepted scientific journals.

The challenges presented by these changes have been successfully conquered and are shared here with the members of the editorial commissions, authors and mainly our readers.

Good reading! A traversal of the following pages, is also an opportunity to transgress them.

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