

## FROM THE EDITORS



# Changes and continuities in the reflection on gender, sexuality, race, and class in Latin America

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This issue, number 37, of *Sexualidad, Salud y Sociedad – Revista Latinoamericana* is significant to the trajectory of the Journal, and for the collective work that materializes it. Formally, it brings some relevant editorial changes. We have adopted the single-flow publication system, a new modality with a single annual issue, in which contributions are published as they are approved. This entails an ongoing process of adaptation to a new working routine by the entire Editorial Team. Likewise, the editorial policy was also updated, in addition to creating an Interview section.

Headquartered in Brazil, at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Sexualidad, Salud y Sociedad faces particular challenges. Some are very concrete, such as the progressive scarcity of Brazilian public funding for scientific publications and science in general. Others are more abstract and concern the challenges posed to scientific knowledge about sexuality by the idea that public sexual morality—that is, the sexual values embedded in law, legislation and public education—must reflect the sexual morality of the (supposedly Evangelical and Catholic) “majority” and must therefore configure government policy (universities included).

We will not address the content of single contributions to this issue in detail. They all continue to reflect the richness of Latin American reflection on crucial subjects such as racism, covid-19, obstetric violence, masculinity, LGBTQIA+ rights, corporeality, gender, migration, urban displacement, HIV-AIDS (just to highlight a few). All of them are situated in the landscape of the last fifty years opened by the political agendas fostered under the heading of “sexual and reproductive rights”. Still, we highlight the article that opens this issue, by French sociologist Eric Fassin, which connects to the past issue, number 36, as it was produced in dialogue with Colombian anthropologist Mara Viveros Vigoya’s article in that issue (2020). Originally a “duet” that took place at the 32nd Brazilian Anthropology Meeting (held online from October 3 to November 6, 2020), their articles highlight the importance of an articulated (intersected) reflection on gender, sexuality, race and class, as onto approach to the dynamics of anti-racist, anti-sexist and anti-lgbtqia+phobia struggles in different *Ladino-Amefrican* countries, in reference to the expression coined by the Brazilian anthropologist Lélia Gonzalez, opportunely mentioned by Viveros in her article.

The new Interview section inaugurated in this issue brings two pieces that interconnect feminist and *marica* thinking—as proposed in one of them. As interviewees, Brazilian anthropologist Maria Filomena Gregori, professor at Unicamp and a researcher at the Núcleo de Estudos Pagu, and the Bolivian intellectual and activist Edgar Soliz Guzmán. As interviewers, the anthropologist Sílvia Aguião and the sociologist Nicolas Wasser.

From the Review section, we highlight the presentation of the historic book

by the late psychiatrist and psychoanalyst Neuza Santos Souza, *Becoming black or The vicissitudes of the identity of Brazilian black people in social ascension* (1983), deservedly republished.

The Editorial Team of *Sexualidad, Salud y Sociedad* sees Issue 37 as another example of the commitment of an entire network of professionals to studies on sexuality and health, carried on from the point of view of the humanities and social sciences. We would like to express our recognition of this network and thank its participants. In a more expanded layer of this network, the Journal exists because of the continuous support of those who trust us with their texts, whether in the form of articles, reviews, and now, with the creation of the Interviews Section, also of testimonies, reports of trajectories and dialogues. In a more internal layer, the Journal has the support of its Editorial Council, which brings together researchers and intellectuals who work in Latin America or who produce significant knowledge about or for the development of the Journal's area in the Region. Closer to the everyday dealings with the editorial process, we are thankful to our reviewers, specialists from across the Region who graciously (in the various possible senses of the expression) make crucial contributions. At the end of this Editor's note, we are nominally grateful to the people who, as reviewers, collaborated with the Journal throughout 2021.

In its more inner circle, the Journal has existed because of the competent work of students and professionals dedicated to research, teaching and technical support, linked to UERJ and, through the Latin American Center for Sexuality and Human Rights (CLAM), to its Institute of Social Medicine. In this circle, we are grateful for the work developed by Professor Cláudia Mora, now leaving the Editorial Team, and we welcome Professor Horacio Sívori, post-doc fellow Bárbara Pires, editorial assistant Marcos Paulo Nascimento and UERJ undergraduate intern Ethiene Costa, who, together with CLAM interns, is responsible for promoting the Journal on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, in addition to the CLAM website. The work of colleagues from other research centers who submit dossier proposals to the Journal has been regularly added to the more routine work of the Editorial Team. In this issue, the dossier *Auto-etnografías*. As Fabiene Gama, Gustavo Antonio Raimondi and Nelson Filice de Barros emphasize in their Presentation, this is a pioneer collection of articles that aims to provide a more solid conceptual base for researchers who intend to explore the field of autoethnography, in addition to offering a set of narrative and methodological possibilities. As they write: "These are works that talk about death, chronic illness, disability, motherhood, knowledge production, social justice and other themes. And they come from areas of knowledge as diverse as Anthropology, Sociology, Communication and Public Health".

Finally, we wish the readers of our Journal to enjoy the texts made available in our 37<sup>th</sup> issue. Despite the adverse historical moment we face, we have some reason to celebrate.

— *The Editorial Team*

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