

## COVID-19 Dossier

### Editorial

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The emergence and spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 from mid-December 2019 plunged the world into a pandemic of COVID-19 disease, in a process that goes on at present time with efforts to limit the morbidity and mortality that this pandemic entailed. Damage caused, in addition to the loss of human lives, encompassed a diversity of aspects for which various areas of science were requested. The dossier that now comes to light in this issue of the Journal Estudos de Psicologia (Natal) represents the contribution of this journal in order to give visibility to the efforts that various sectors of research and service in Psychology have undertaken in order to cope with the multifaceted crisis that has struck humanity. The call for submission to this dossier received more than 135 manuscripts, produced by researchers from various fields of Psychology, professionals who reacted promptly to the social demand to face the serious crisis that has taken place on all domains of human existence in recent months, and in this sense, the present dossier, to which other dossiers in the field of psychology and other fields of science are added, is also a demonstration of social commitment that necessarily moves the practice of research, which by this aspect reinforces its relevance. We are, as editors, particularly happy to contribute to give visibility to this demonstration of relevance in the field of Psychology, through papers that were submitted and, among which, those who composed this dossier were selected, together with other articles accepted to appear by the next editions of Estudos de Psicologia (Natal).

Areas of interest, problematization and research of psychology gained special importance because of pandemic, as evidenced by the diversity of contributions we have captured from the call for contributions to this dossier. The challenge represented by experiences of illness, loss, death and mourning, with their effects on people's mental health, and consecutively, on work activity, family functioning, insertion in the national and international political debate, such challenges, with crossings represented by gender, race and socio-economic insertion issues, were not only enlarged but also refracted by the pandemic. Research in psychology proved to be relevant in the approach of this multidimensional crisis, which proves the set of contributions that we make available here.

Building up the set of chosen papers represented a challenge in basically two instances: first, we were forced to review the original planning of an effective of ten selected articles, generating an extra number of accepted articles for this dossier, given the quality of the contributions that we were given to examine. It is worth expressing here our recognition to those responsible for the general coordination of Estudos de Psicologia for their acceptance, sensitivity and partnership. Secondly, the unexpected offer of papers made our original schedule unfeasible, in view of the effort to carry out the due process of peer review, with the quality that Estudos de Psicologia requires. We feel proud to have reached the present point of this project, even though previously established schedule could not be entirely respected.

The diversity of methods, techniques and thematic clippings of the works that met the call for special thematic issue COVID-19 - Estudos de Psicologia did not represent a novelty for those familiar with theorization and research in psychology. Nevertheless, refraction resulting from the context of pandemic produced an expanded challenge in order to discern, in the context of the editorial task, effective contributions taking into account pandemic. In fact, we had established, as a central condition to the offer of contributions to this dossier, to offer a real articulation between theoretical operators, research data from psychology and pandemic COVID-19. We emphasize here our recognition of how much this very point was effectively understood by both authors and our reviewers. In fact, we could not fail by not mention our special thanks to the efforts shown up of our fellow reviewers, they also submitted to pandemic stress, but who still met our call and realized this difficult and noble task that is to evaluate a pair.

Estudos de Psicologia is proud to offer the present dossier to the community of research, theorization and formulation of public management policies. This effort represents social commitment of science as a whole, but also of the human sciences, and in this bulge, of psychological science. Overcoming the crisis is not only a task of science,

despite its inescapable contribution. It is also necessary to call, here, citizenship, in its noblest meaning, encompassing rigorous knowledge, ethical concerns, and compromise with republican and democracy values. This dossier, and this journal that houses and disseminates it, fulfill its role in this necessarily collective and multifaceted action.

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