

PREFACE

The research group of IBICT Philosophy and Information Policy is pleased to present the first issue of the eighth volume of its journal "Logeion – Philosophy of Information". The journal has been characterized as a space for discussion of critical thinking in Information Science.

The reflection on action becomes an imperative of resistance in these difficult times for Brazilian society, deeply marked by the global pandemic of Covid-19. At the same time, we have poverty, hunger and unemployment, side by side with cuts in investments in Science and Technology and a sinister wave of obscurantism that denies science itself.

In this issue we have important discussions of information theory. We open with the important epistemological and political question if there is a Latin American Librarian Science. It is especially pertinent when there is an update of criticisms of colonialism and imperialism.

The following is the question of information as materiality in Gilbert Simondon. It is a bold non-technophobic approach, which proposes an analysis of objects in their reality, for their uses and functionality. This article is complemented by another who speaks of the principles of philosophy, between an ontology and the epistemology of the object.

The next article discusses the dialogues between Informatics (Informatika, in the text) and Information Science. It defines the territory of questions between the ubiquitous Mathematical Theory of Communication and the reflections of social epistemology. Here is an article that discusses an important question of method: the production of history and the idealization of the future.

It follows an article that discusses the thematic representation of information as mediation from Jürgen Habermas' theory of communicative action. The relations of meaning between information, interaction and communication constitute a relevant space for discussion in the Philosophy of Information.

We close with an article that makes an analysis of the communication on Covid-19 on the social network Twitter, particularly about the participation in it of heads of government in the Americas. It should be highlighted the denialist positions on the severity of the pandemic, the means to control it and the treatment of patients. Register the leading role of Donald Trump, Lopez Obrador and Jair Bolsonaro in the actions of disinformation.

We hope to be contributing to the expansion of reflective thinking and the exercise of criticism among information scientists and all who work with social sciences and humanities.

Good reading!

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