

PREFACE

We are pleased to announce the publication of the second issue of the eighth volume of our Journal. It is not easy to maintain a specialized period within Information Science. After these eight years of life we are sure to be captivating a public reader, as well as research and student studies. It's great to see that we are fulfilling our mission.

This number takes place in a complex global context. We are two years inside a Covid-19 pandemic that killed six million people, 600 thousand of them in Brazil. The pandemic has left a trail of destruction: unemployment and precariousness of work, poverty and misery, hunger and malnutrition, incalculable disfunction in the education of children, and the exhaustion of health systems.

Covid-19 is yet another symptom of life out of balance, a response mode for the way humanity relates to the environment. Climate and global changes are knocking at our door, imposing the need for comprehensive responses for our survival. It is our crossroads as a specie, between the executioner and the victim.

If it wasn't serious or enough, we are experiencing the beginning of a war in Europe, a war for power and money between Russia and Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine by Putin's army is an assault on the people's right to self-determination, even if Russia is right to want to withdraw from the military encirclement of NATO. This conflict has the potential to spread across Europe, and across continents, dealing with the threat of the use of poisonous weapons. There is no need to speculate on the risks.

The sum of the pandemic, the environmental devastation and the war are determinants of the conditions of our days, and also impose life challenges to think about information and information science. In the pandemic on ways to flourish controversies, including scientific and technological information around social isolation, protection measures, vaccines and medical treatments. The dissemination of fraudulent and denialist news, often linked to political and political interests, has worsened.

Environmental devastation and what can be global to its own hidden and simple informational problems including data that demonstrate them. At the same time, there are many patterns of distortion, manipulation and denial. The war on Ukraine from the beginning also faces informational problems. It is said that in wars the truth is the first victim. The clash of narratives on each side of the conflict is evident and disturbing.

Thinking about Information and Information Science in this scenario carry new, contradictory and complex elements. The articles we are publishing present singular problems and answers. We like to publish a publication of the translation of Lund's Document Theory, unpublished among us. The summary of all articles does not fit here. They are located in the proper place with all their authors and institutional affiliations.

We are confident that all articles are pertinent to the emerging field of Philosophy of Information, and that they will contribute to Information researchs and students. They are all



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unpublished by authors, who seek to innovate and improve our understanding of information as expression, representation and creator of social bonds. We wait that the articles will found your hearts and minds.

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