

Editorial

Critical perspectives for challenging social research and practice in the current context

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this fifth issue of our journal *Propuestas Críticas en Trabajo Social - Critical Proposals in Social Work*, which we have developed to discuss diverse approaches or perspectives in social research and interventions. You will notice in the following pages that certain approaches that have emerged strongly in the social sciences and humanities debates in recent times are also reflected in the articles that make up this issue: feminisms, intersectional perspectives, decolonial thought, anti-colonial and Indo-American proposals; and interpellations from feminisms to Marxism, classical hermeneutics and evidence-based approaches. Various concepts, such as “intellectuality”, “evidence”, “objectivity”, “professional training”, “critical thinking”, “critique”, among others, will be subjected to an elaboration from perspectives not seen or traditionally little addressed in the past: some silenced - such as feminisms and de/anti-colonial proposals - and others simply not thought of before as a conceptual option - such as the opening of elites as a field of study or the understanding of non-hegemonic motherhood as a key to social intervention.

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We have decided to organise this issue according to different approaches or perspectives in order to show contrasts, controversies and contestations that have arisen from different locus of enunciation in the dialogue between authors and long-standing conceptual traditions: in the articles, you will note encounters/disencounters between Marx and Silvia Federici, Walter Dignolo and Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui, Aníbal Quijano and Kimberlé Crenshaw, Foucault and Lacan, Judith Butler and Lorena Cabnal, among others. We hope that these texts, which are the fruit of joint research and discussion, will allow us to question the forms and contents in which we are currently proposing the work of the social, opening up paths to identify new epistemic and methodological routes to be explored.



In addition, we take this editorial to share excellent news with our readership community: after completing the first four issues published, our journal is now indexed in the European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences - ERIH Plus. This index is very important for the research career in the Chilean context, as it is recognised by the National Agency for Research and Development. We have worked very hard to meet the quality standards in the process of editing and publication of each manuscript, therefore, we thank all the people who have made this first achievement possible: those who have participated as authors, in peer review, proofreading and layout, and of course, in the activities of inauguration and dissemination of our work. We hope to continue growing and contributing to the generation of debates and critical proposals in what is to come.

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