

A High-Quality Journal for a Digital Society

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I HAVE accepted with great honor and a sense of responsibility the invitation of the Insights Publisher sponsored by The Bono Academy of Science and Education (BASE) to be an EiC – Sociology & Education Section of the *Science INSIGHTS*[®] journal. I appreciate the trust placed in me and hope to collaborate with the journal's development.

Science INSIGHTS[®] is a journal established in 2013 with an open-access publishing policy. It focuses on general science that includes all aspects of the fields related to science ([webpage](#)), and that is currently entering a new phase. Thus, I deem it pertinent to clarify my position in this process in a context of rapid transformation and competition of scientific publication (1).

Author, Editor, reviewer, Publisher, and reader are the crucial elements of scientific publication. Specifically, regarding the role of the (academic or scientific) Editor – my *pro bono* position in the *Science INSIGHTS*[®] journal – he or she ultimately plays the role of a gatekeeper who legitimizes peer-reviewed scientific publications, deciding whether or not to publish a manuscript.

The journal accepts several manuscripts, besides research articles, literature reviews, and essays ([webpage](#)),

always respecting the search for scientific quality in the digital publication.

Without being comprehensive, some features follow that seek to shape the *Science INSIGHTS*[®] journal.

Editorial Autonomy

There is a dialogue, but with autonomy between the scientific dimension and the Publisher. The manuscripts are evaluated, and the decision about their publication is independent.

The Rigor of the Evaluation Process

The journal aims to meet the legitimate expectations of a reasonable deadline for the editorial decision, and will never question the quality of an evaluation based on high scientific standards, because the peer review process, which can take place in various formats (2), remains central to the scientific quality of what is published. In other words, the speed of the evaluation process is not synonymous with easy acceptance.

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Scientific and Social Impact

One of the journal's objectives is to increase its position in the scientific environment and disseminate to the general public in social networks (3), as well as its prestige and progressive indexing to the most respected indexing bases.

Broad Subject Scope and Interdisciplinary Focus

"*Science Insights* is an international journal publishing the peer-reviewed research in all fields of science and technology-based on its originality, importance, interdisciplinary interest, timeliness, accessibility, elegance, and reliable conclusions" ([webpage](#)). The journal's interdisciplinary focus includes, among others, the following scientific fields: Physical sciences, Earth and environmental sciences, Biological Sciences, Health Sciences, Social sciences, and Humanities ([webpage](#)). Likewise, the journal welcomes manuscripts that address interdisciplinarity between sciences, a dimension of science in deep need of development.

Democraticity and Diversity

Based on the knowledge of renowned experts in each

section, the whole functioning of the journal respects the value of diversity. This is paramount today in the search to democratize scientific knowledge (4) at various levels, including gender, nationality, ethnicity, institutional membership, institutions, sexual orientation, internationalization, and disability, all of which are scientific and interdisciplinary areas. This diversity is embodied in the Editorial Board, the reviewers, the authors, and, hopefully, in the readers and in the promotion of equity in the Editors' decision to publish, always based on the quality of the manuscript and not its origin.

Transparency and High Ethical Standards

The *Science INSIGHTS*[®] journal applies Publication Ethics based on the COPE guidelines in the process of evaluation, publication, and post-publication of any manuscript ([webpage](#)). Furthermore, any interested party has, either on the journal website or via e-mail, the possibility of asking for clarification of any doubt that may arise by just contacting the journal to see their questions answered.

In conclusion, I will try to be worthy of the trust placed in me by respecting, above all, the work of all and, most significantly, of future authors, to realize the high potential of *Science INSIGHTS*[®] journal in an increasingly digital society (5).

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