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## From the Editors

### On Obscurantism and Resistance: Producing Science in Denialism Time

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In its six years of existence, the journal *Transversal* has reached its 13th issue with the great satisfaction of publishing authors from different parts of the world with their works addressing the historiography of science, history of science, philosophy of science and science education. We are honored that *Transversal* can be the platform for widely disseminating the work of all these authors. We are a niche journal in this area, especially regarding the historiography of science, so our satisfaction is even greater for connecting this fragmented community in the four corners of the world.

Relying on the uninterrupted work of these authors became even more important because the last few years have not been easy for a world that has had to face a pandemic with devastating impacts. In the eye of that hurricane, science and technology were our lifeboats. We were conducted to the correct epidemiological procedures, reception and care of doctors, nurses, and all health professionals until the prompt response of science and biotechnology with the production of vaccines. Those actions have enabled us to return to normality gradually.

Unfortunately, in these same last few years, we have also experienced strong scientific denialism in different parts of the world, precisely at a time when we needed science the most. For Brazilians, the situation was even worse because, for some time, that denialism came from the president of our republic and his followers, which made it very difficult to confront the covid19 pandemic in Brazil. Fortunately, Brazil's democracy has pointed to other possible paths. The rejection of the denialist president in the last election in November 2022 has demonstrated the direction Brazil wants to take. We chose to affirm science and technology, preserve the environment, care for the vulnerable, respect differences, and practice solidarity and all the other democratic and republican values that connect us to civilization. Indeed, it is highly challenging to produce science and technology – especially reflections on science's historical and philosophical aspects –, in an environment where ignorance and obscurantism are placed as supreme values. The maintenance of *Transversal*

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during this nebulous period was also an act of resistance. Knowledge is a powerful weapon against obscurantism. Science must go on because life must go on!

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