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From the Editor

Pandemic: Science as a Light at the End of the Tunnel

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We have reached the ninth issue of *Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science*, and the world is still in the midst of the pandemic. Fortunately, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Different vaccines have been approved, and it was announced, starting today, as of December 14, 2020, the biggest mass vaccination campaign in the history of the United States of America. We hope that the rest of the world will be as lucky and get immunization as soon as possible, even though we know that the future comes unequally distributed at different times and in different places. And, if in some places the future never arrives, then it seems as though this cannot be the case, especially if one thinks that herd immunization is necessary for the whole world today, which has become completely interconnected. May we all have the same luck and be able to arrive quickly at a post-pandemic future.

Of course, we have not yet evaluated in depth the negative and, ironically, positive aspects brought by the pandemic. Slowly, one starts to understand what the new world or the “new normality” is. It is a fact, in different places of the world – although in an online way –, there has never been so much talk about science. Not only about epidemiology, virology, medicines, vaccines, etc., but about science itself in general. With the countless academic lives, perhaps scientists and researchers from universities and different research institutions have never before been so connected and in interaction with each other. There were not only countless topics to cover related to science and the pandemic, but also to the very condition of science in the contemporary world, especially in the face of this wave of scientific denialism that we have encountered in recent years. I believe that amid so many terrible things, this scientific connection was a positive point that should remain.

We have all been affected in different ways by the pandemic and the difficulties of scientific production have not been immune to this process. In this issue of *Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science*, in particular, not all of the articles initially approved and forwarded to the editorial process could be published, since, in the context of the pandemic, their authors faced problems that prevented them from delivering the final version. We hope to publish these other articles in the upcoming issues. However, out of respect to the other authors and readers, we will go on and release this issue of the journal. We hope that our authors and readers can appreciate this effort to maintain the periodicity of the journal. Have a good read!

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