

## New call for papers on the theme “Food, Body, Gender and Subjectivity”

In this last issue of 2015 we outline some important events that marked our progress and efforts toward the consolidation of the Food and Nutrition field in Brazil as a typically interdisciplinary science.

All editorial goals that we have set were achieved: periodicity of the journal increased; we grew to four issues in the year; 20 articles were published in the last issue. In figures, we attained the level required for indexation in international databases, considered by the major supporting agencies in Brazil as a benchmark for calculation of circulation indicators in the field of science. In the year 2016, we will make the first moves to include our journal in these spaces.

This initiative has been possible especially because of the growing number of researchers in graduate programs and students under their supervision, authors of articles in our journal. Today, *Demetra* is the second Brazilian journal in the food-and-nutrition field that receives submissions of articles for publication by researchers in graduate programs included in the CAPES’ “Nutrition” area.

Researchers in the food-and-nutrition field have bet on the journal and invested on its consolidation, seeing it as a path to follow. It is an important recognition of our efforts!

In addition, the large number of works from other fields, such as Human Sciences, can be seen in the last themed issue, “Dialogues in the field of Food Anthropology”. We received works from all over the country and other Latin American and European countries, showing the expansion of the geographic range of the journal.

Following this line, which has proved successful, we announced the call for a themed issue to be published in 2016: “Nutrition, Body, Gender and Subjectivity”. This initiative is the result of insights and reflections gestated in UERJ’s graduate programs on Food, Nutrition and Health,

and in Education on Biosciences and Health of the Oswaldo Cruz Institute of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (IOC-FIOCRUZ), through research and knowledge exchange between their teachers and by including a discipline on this theme in 2015.

There has been an increasing academic interest on cultural studies, on either Food or Body and Gender, in as much as these matters express a large potential in analyses of how society functions. They have been addressed independently of other distinct fields of knowledge, and their integration is still uncommon in the academia, especially in the health area. Therefore, it is still a challenge for studies on Food and Nutrition the embracement of different analytical perspectives (sociological, anthropological, historical, *psi*, etc.) that favor the association between such fruitful categories.

The new themed issue will focus on the relationships between Food, Body, Gender and Subjectivity as social constructions that permeate not only the experiences of daily life but also the ways of doing science related to scientific and technological development on health in the processes involving food, nutrition and health, which can be the focus of analyses from different points of views.

This effort aims to gather research works on possible interfaces between one and more of these interlinked terms, considering the incidence of correlation between body, gender relations and subjectivity in daily dietary habits, health practices, which are produced and designed (and re-designed) in different social and cultural settings of contemporary society.

In this direction, we consider how much the intertwining between food, science, diversified technologies and subjectivity processes, in broad senses, is permeated by tensions and deserves attention of academic production. We aim to highlight, in the conjugation of these terms, historically designed as devices for truth production about themselves and others, as already pointed out by the anthropological and sociological literature, the existence of significant differences relating to the gender in the most varied processes of intervention on the body. Empirical and/or theoretical researches devoted to the topic may integrate this initiative, especially those that discuss, in the subjects' agencying (interventions on the body, biotechnology, medicalization, living policies, religious practices – in short, varied strategies for the production of meanings in interface, or not, with biomedicine, etc.), the problematics of the gendered body as modelling agent of subjectivity and part of the scientific production.

We'll welcome works that discuss the social and cultural character of food and nutrition in terms of norms, regulations and/or naturalizations of the body with implications to individual and collective existence, namely: conceptions and practices that disseminate images that produce stigma and/or prejudice on the female/male/trans bodies and sexual diversities; body idealizations (obesity/anorexia); analyses of biomedical and/or technological interventions and body medicalization

(drugs, fitness, dietetics in their licit/illicit uses) in gender dimension; laws, norms, policies and their repercussions in subjective experiences. All these aspects may be considered in different research scenarios, including media, moviemaking and arts production. Works addressing the production of scientific knowledge on the focused fields will be accepted, as well as the diffusion of the theme in diverse levels of society.

Guest editors of our journal are Eliane Portes Vargas, from the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation; Luciane da Costa Moás, from the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro; and Fabiana Bom Kraemer and Francisco Romão Ferreira, both from the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

Maintaining the editorial policy of the journal, we will welcome articles and reviews that make a critical analysis of recent books related to the theme. Those who are interested should send their contributions in English, Portuguese or Spanish until **March 15, 2016**. Submission should be made through the link of our journal, <http://www.e-publicacoes.uerj.br/index.php/demetra/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>, directing to section “Themed Articles”. In addition, communications to the editors should mention the themed call on “Food, Body, Gender and Subjectivity”. Any doubts or questions can be addressed to the e-mails [demetra.uerj@gmail.com](mailto:demetra.uerj@gmail.com) or [demetra@uerj.br](mailto:demetra@uerj.br).

We finish one more year of successful activities and wish to thank to the editorial staff, authors and readers. To everyone, our compliments and best wishes of Happy Holidays and many accomplishments in 2016!

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