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Commemorative Issue – *Transversal* at Ten

From the Editors

Transversal over Its First Decade

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In 2016, *Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science* was founded with the aim of being more than just a repository of articles; it emerged as a necessary bridge between different strands of research (originating from history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, and education) that share a common focus on the study of the history of historiography across various scientific fields. As we complete ten years of uninterrupted publication, we celebrate not only its longevity but also the consolidation of an open and plural space for reflection, which has helped strengthen the historiography of science as an important subfield with a rightful place in the world of Clio.

In its first ten years, the Journal has succeeded in organizing a broad front of work and research based on the understanding that the historiography of science is a dynamic field, capable of critically reassessing the past (of scholarly efforts to understand what science is in its own historicity) in order to grasp the complexity and challenges of the present. From its inception, the Journal has been grounded in a cosmopolitan purpose: to cross geographic and disciplinary boundaries, welcoming contributions from established researchers while also remaining committed to opening its doors to new academic voices bringing fresh demands and interests.

This commemorative issue is not merely a record; it is a testament to the importance of preserving scientific memory and critical thought in times of global challenges and proliferating crises. Looking ahead to the next ten years, *Transversal* reaffirms its role as a leading force in the dissemination of knowledge, adapting to new Open Science practices while maintaining its core essence: the understanding that science is, above all, a human, historical, and always open-ended endeavor.

Origins

Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science was born out of a set of academic circumstances within the context of the scientific policies in force at the time of its

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founding. Working together since 2010, both Mauro Condé and Marlon Salomon already had extensive editorial experience, having been involved in the organization of books and journals. It was common for them to coordinate edited volumes resulting from academic events they promoted, especially in the field of history and philosophy of science. In that way, several books dedicated to the history and philosophy of science were published, including works organized around key authors and themes in the field.

At a certain point, this practice of organizing events and publishing their results in book form underwent a significant change, influenced by the publication guidelines of one of Brazil's main agencies for supporting graduate education, *Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior* – CAPES. It became widely understood that publishing in scientific journals was more effective than in books, especially due to the greater circulation and impact of articles. In this context, CAPES, through its scientific policy, began to place greater value on the publication of articles in academic journals, while edited volumes in book form were relegated to a secondary position. That shift encouraged the creation of various journals in Brazil, and, within that context, we felt it was the right moment to establish a new editorial venue to publish the scholarly output of our field.

Thus, around 2015, in discussions with colleagues in the fields of History of Science and Philosophy of Science, the idea of founding an open-access journal took shape – one that would serve as a space for publication and exchange for research in these areas, with a particular emphasis on the historiography of science. The Brazilian community in both History of Science and Philosophy of Science was already sufficiently well established to support an initiative of this kind. In other words, there would be enough contributors to sustain a journal dedicated to this theme.

While this was the prevailing view at the national level, Mauro Condé and Marlon Salomon also maintained ties with a broad international network of researchers in various countries, especially in Europe and South America. This interaction with colleagues from different countries somewhat reshaped the plans for the future journal. Initially, *Transversal* was conceived as a periodical aimed at Brazilian researchers and readers. However, due to the international engagement of its founders and first editors, that horizon was expanded, and the possibility of establishing a journal with a global reach was envisioned – one directed at the international community interested in historiography of science, history of science, philosophy of science, and science education.

A decisive moment in ensuring that the journal would be international from its very beginning occurred during Mauro Condé's participation in an event held in Poland in March 2016, dedicated to discussing the work of Ludwik Fleck, titled "Ludwik Fleck's Theory of Thought Styles and Thought Collectives – Translations and Receptions." The meeting brought together researchers from various countries interested in the interpretation, translation, and reception of Fleck's thought.

Initially, the plan was to publish the papers presented at this event in the form of an edited volume, possibly associated with one of the institutions that sponsored the event, such as the Project Science Foundation (*Fundacja Projekt Nauka*), the Ludwik Fleck Zentrum at the Collegium Helveticum in Zurich, the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ), and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. However, for various reasons, that editorial project did not come to fruition.

In light of that situation, Mauro Condé presented to the event organizers the idea of the journal that had been in development for some time. In other words, an opportunity arose to propose the effective creation of a new journal specializing in the historiography of science, with its first issue dedicated to Ludwik Fleck. The proposal was well received by the event's organizing committee, which approved the initiative. Following this approval, a call for papers was issued, open both to participants of the Fleck conference in Poland and to other researchers who were interested in the Polish thinker's work but had not attended the event.

As it was an online journal, the entire website infrastructure was set up to enable the call for papers, and we received a large number of submissions. The blind peer-review process resulted in the selection of texts from different countries, regardless of whether the authors had participated in the event or not. Thus, the first issue of *Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science*, dedicated to the work of Ludwik Fleck, was published in December 2016.

Indeed, from the outset, given the journal's international character, English was chosen as the primary language of publication. Even though the journal was conceived and structured in Brazil, the international scholarly community largely uses English as its main means of communication, making this choice a natural one.

Journal Scope

With regard to the editorial team, even though it was conceived in Brazil with an initially Brazilian staff, the journal's international character led, from its earliest stages, to the incorporation of foreign researchers into the team as assistant editors and, above all, to the establishment of a broad international editorial board composed of specialists from universities around the world. An important point to highlight is that, since its launch in 2016, *Transversal* has been well received by the international academic community (Graduate programs, academic associations, institutions and scholars) and that has contributed to its dissemination and consolidation.

Throughout its trajectory, the journal has not only published scholarly articles but also book reviews of important books in the field, as well as interviews with leading researchers, thereby contributing to the preservation of the intellectual memory of the historiography of science. Through its obituaries section, it has honored colleagues who have passed away but left a lasting legacy in the field.

In that regard, across its sections, the journal has sought to establish itself as a space for reflection on the historiography of science. Its editorials have consistently aimed to define and deepen the field of the historiography of science, understood as a historical and philosophical approach to science. Although it maintains its focus on the historiography of science, it is important to note that the journal has always welcomed contributions from related fields, such as the sociology of science and science education, thereby broadening the scope of its reflections.

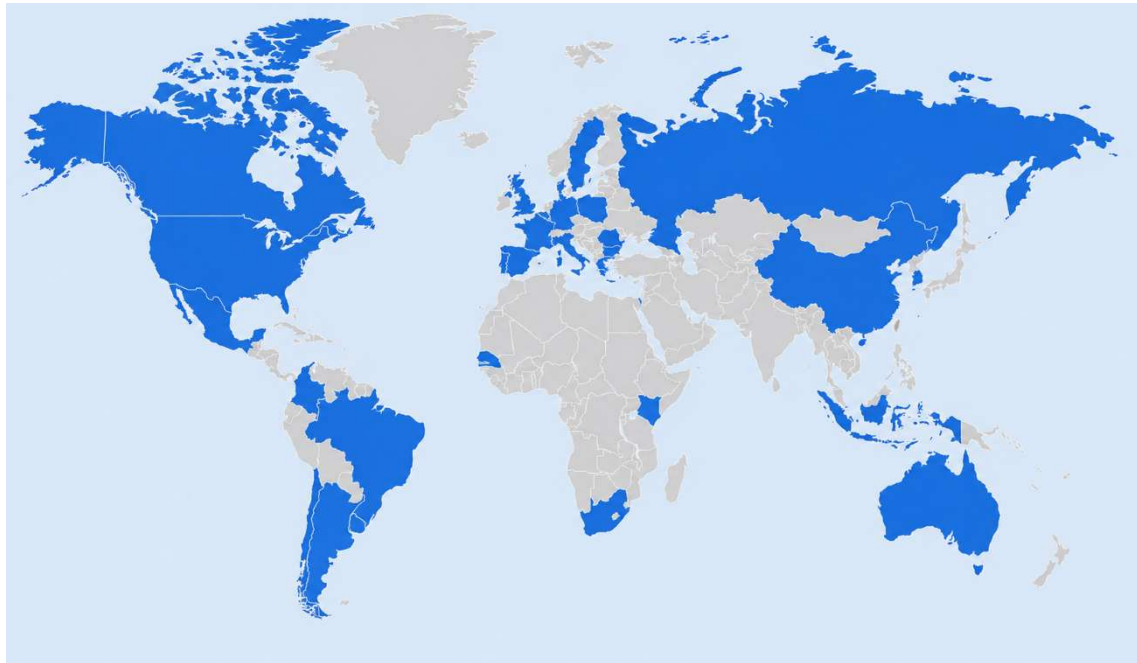
This editorial project of establishing a journal specialized in the historiography of science has also had repercussions beyond the journal itself. Various initiatives have emerged from it, including the organization of academic events and the production of books. Of particular importance was the project of a reference volume on the historiography of science, published by Springer in 2023. The work brought together several authors already connected to the journal, as well as new researchers not previously affiliated with it, further expanding the academic network surrounding the project of consolidating the field of historiography of science. Indeed, we consider the publication of this book, *Handbook for the Historiography of Science* (2023), as one of the most significant outcomes of the journal's project.

Geography of Authors

Transversal has never aimed to be a Brazilian journal that publishes articles in English, but rather a true point for articulating the work of researchers dispersed across the globe. In its first decade of existence, the journal has broken through the geographical boundaries of knowledge. With contributions from authors and reviewers from 29 countries – from Mexico to China, from South Africa to Sweden, among others – we have consolidated an intellectual

cartography that challenges conventional maps of knowledge, breaking with the traditional North–South dichotomy that often structures the international division of scientific labor.

Being able to count on collaborators from numerous countries across different regions of the globe demonstrates that the open-access policy has helped remove economic barriers that typically isolate researchers outside the Europe–United States axis. Transversality is not merely an epistemological concept that inspires the journal’s title, but also a political perspective that defines its very nature.

Worldwide presence of *Transversal* authors

Argentina	France	Russia
Australia	Germany	Senegal
Belgium	Greece	South Africa
Brazil	Indonesia	Spain
Bulgaria	Israel	Sweden
Canada	Italy	Switzerland
Chile	Kenya	United Kingdom
China	Mexico	United States
Colombia	Poland	Uruguay
Denmark	Portugal	

Transversal Overview in Numbers (2016-2026)

More than mere celebrations, the data from this decade attest to the strength and consistency of our editorial project. Over these ten years, *Transversal* has established itself as a living and plural organism. A total of 314 different authors contributed to the publication of 178 articles and 26 book reviews. We have conducted 10 exclusive interviews with prominent figures in global historiography of science, transforming the journal into a historical record of the direct reflections of some of the leading thinkers of our time. In addition, we have paid 13 posthumous tributes, fulfilling our role of preserving the institutional and intellectual memory of those who paved the way in the history of science.

Nearly 40% of all articles published during this period were authored by women, highlighting *Transversal*'s commitment to female presence and participation in the journal – a presence that continues to grow steadily.

Number of Authors	314
Number of Published Articles	178
Number of Published Book Reviews	26
Number of Interviews Conducted	10
Number of Obituaries	13

On to the Next Ten Years

As it completes its first decade, *Transversal* consolidates its vocation as an open forum for scientific dialogue. The trajectory traced thus far demonstrates that the journal has become a space of convergence for the most current work in the historiography of science, where the depth of ideas transcends geographical boundaries in favor of a broad and shared understanding of scientific development.

Closing this first decade is, therefore, an act of renewing our commitment to excellence and to the free circulation of knowledge. We look to the future with the certainty that the journal will continue to serve as a reference space for critical and international thought, inspiring new generations of researchers to explore the paths of the history of science with the same intellectual rigor that has defined our identity since the very first issue. Long live *Transversal*!

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