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RBSO announces a public call for articles submission for the thematic dossier "New Perspectives on Safety". This initiative aims to foster scientific production, academic discussion, and the dissemination of studies on critical, multidimensional, and participatory approaches to occupational safety that go beyond traditional models centered on human error, misconduct, or merely normative measures.

Ementa Syllabus

Traditional approaches to occupational safety have historically been guided by paradigms that emphasize incident prevention through compliance with procedures, behavior control, and individual blame. This model, known as “traditional safety” or “Safety-I,” is based on narrow conceptions of accident causality and a normative view of safety. However, such an approach tends to distance safety specialists from the real conditions of production and the contradictions that workers face at work.

In the perspective of the “new view of safety,” illustrated by the frameworks of Safety-II (Hollnagel et al., 2015)¹, Safety Differently (Dekker & Conklin, 2018)², or Resilience Engineering (Disconzi & Saurin, 2022)³, workers and teams are not the problem of safety but rather the solution for the reliability of operations and systems. Safety is something produced in practice, in the adaptive and negotiated interactions between individuals and organizations. The new safety implies a true engineering of social relations (Jackson Filho, 2022)⁴, with a focus on creating spaces for confrontation about work, between workers and managers, and on valuing the experience of operators as input for reflection and organizational change (Rocha et al., 2019)⁵.

This dossier seeks to gather works that explore new theoretical, methodological, and practical categories for thinking of safety as a technical and social construction, traversed by symbolic disputes, plural knowledge, and different modes of regulation.

Topics of interest

- Articles that question the logic of victim-blaming in incidents/accidents, procedural rigidity, and punitive culture.

- Experiences that build collective competences to deal with complex systems in general.
- Studies that address how safety is constructed, negotiated, and maintained in real work practices.
- Articles that explore the relationship between safety and Resilience Engineering.
- Proposals that place work activity at the center of system safety analyses.
- Reflections that articulate the field of safety with issues of power, subjectivity, conflict, and resistance in organizational and societal contexts.
- Cases (or applications) using new safety practices or resilience engineering.
- Design projects of instruments and technologies applied.

Submissions with interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged, as well as contributions from authors affiliated with institutions in Latin American countries and other regions of the world. This will allow the gathering of diverse views and experiences to enrich different perspectives in the field.

About RBSO

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Research articles, reviews, and experience reports will be given preference, and can be submitted in Portuguese, English, or Spanish. Manuscripts must be submitted online, via ScholarOne Manuscripts platform - <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/rbso-scielo> -, including in the “cover letter” field the information that the article is intended for the thematic dossier “New Perspectives on Safety”. Manuscripts must comply with RBSO’s author guidelines, observing the limits on the number of words and bibliographic references. More information is available at <https://www.scielo.br/journal/rbso/about/#instructions>.

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