



CALL FOR PAPERS

Caminando journal, Vol. 35 The human rights situation during and after the Covid-19 pandemic

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Presentation

Caminando is a bi-annual journal that aims to disseminate alternative information on social struggles and human rights in Latin America. Since 1980, *Caminando* has been a forum for reflection and action, through its mission to set forward critical perspectives on major issues impacting Latin American socio-political life, and shared struggles for the defence of rights and self-determination in Latin America, as well as in Quebec and Canada.

The journal also publishes stories and poems, as well as illustrations and photographs pertaining to the themes addressed in each issue. *Caminando* is published in French, in paper format. Articles are also published electronically in their original language. Texts from previous editions are also available online.

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Upcoming *Caminando* issues:

In many Latin American countries, the pandemic has coincided with a notable increase in human rights violations committed primarily by authorities and corporations, many of the latter being Canadian-owned. Throughout this period, inequalities have been greatly exacerbated and the most vulnerable individuals and communities have been the hardest hit. On the one hand, despite health recommendations put in place to deal with Covid-19 and notwithstanding many individuals', communities' and organizations' opposition and denunciations, mining projects have not been put on hold, neither have they respected containment measures, putting populations at risk. This period is also marked by a

decrease in monitoring and the resurgence of non-enforcement of environmental legislation. On the other hand, the shock caused by the pandemic on a global scale heralds an exit strategy that will only accentuate the financialization of the economy and transnational corporate power, to the detriment of communities' social and environmental rights.

Both issues of this volume of *Caminando*, the first being scheduled for January 2021 and the second for June 2021, offer a space to people and communities who are directly affected by the crisis in order to make their voices, analyses and experiences heard. In this way, *Caminando* endeavors to contribute to fostering an alternative, critical, inclusive and emancipatory awareness of current events.

The next edition of *Caminando* thus aims to:

- Highlight the different struggles led by environmental and social defenders, and the violent repression tactics used to silence them;
- Highlight human rights violations that have taken place during the pandemic, in order to fight against their impunity (right to political participation, environmental justice, freedom of expression and movement, etc.);
- Highlight analyses reflecting a decolonial approach and which take into account the intersections of oppression, including dimensions of gender and racialization;
- Contribute to the debate on the current global health crisis and on the desired post-pandemic transition;
- Show how Canadian extractivist neoliberal policies are being reasserted despite the health crisis and how this reassertion is generating socio-economic inequalities across continents;
- Bring together a diversity of text types (analyses, testimonies, poetry) to report on focal issues in a holistic manner, providing space for different forms of expression from social movements.

Issue theme distribution

Volume 35 of *Caminando* will consist of two issues covering the following themes:

- The first issue will focus on setting forward analyses and lived experiences taking place during the health crisis, i.e. human rights violations, testimonies, experiences and analyses of what happened during the crisis;
- A second issue will focus on the post-pandemic transition, particularly with regard to economic recovery, extractive projects, and critical reflections on the post-pandemic model.

Suggested Key Topics

Your contributions could address the following topics and formats, non-exclusively:

- Testimonies, analyses and experiences of individuals or groups affected by megaprojects or extractive company activities during the Covid-19 pandemic;

- Views and perspectives of human rights and/or environmental advocates, members of marginalized communities, migrants, among others;
- Analyses and testimonies addressing increased militarization, government-issued containment measures, curfews, “state of emergency” declarations, exceptional rules enforced and monitored by the police and military;
- Accounts of violations of international norms and treaties which were justified using the health crisis;
- A critical analysis of governments’ political response to the health crisis;
- Accounts of assassinations, arrests and acts of repression taking place in the context of the pandemic;
- Political prisoners and migrants’ perspectives and situations in the context of the pandemic;
- Analyses covering ways in which mining companies and governments are taking advantage of the uncertainty created by the crisis to push forward regulatory changes in favor of industries and at the expense of people and the environment;
- Reflections and analyses on the upcoming transition and the desired post-pandemic model.

Text types

Contributions can take different forms: analytical articles, experiential accounts, interviews, narratives, testimonies, poetry (please see attached Publication Guidelines for specifications on text format).

Editorial criteria and processes

At submission

Articles are first read by the journal coordinator before being assigned to a member of the editorial board, according to their field of specialization and/or mother tongue. The criteria for the publication of papers in *Caminando* are that:

1. The article’s subject matter is discussed through a critical lens.
2. Depending on the type of text, statements made by the author are supported by relevant documentation.
3. The text is structured in such a way as to facilitate readability (logic, clarity, conciseness).
4. Quality of the language is maintained throughout all types of contributions

After submission

On submission, the manuscript is assigned to a member of the editorial board covering the subject area, according to their mother tongue. The board’s role is to edit articles, taking into account analytical and critical positioning, structure and quality of language such as listed above. Furthermore, it is the board’s role to assess whether received manuscripts respect *Caminando*’s objectives, values and themes, while ensuring a variety of opinions and analyses, and to request modifications if needed. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to refuse an article that does not meet the stated criteria.

Translation and Revision of Texts

Following their review by the editorial committee, articles are translated by a team of volunteer translators. Translations are consequently revised by a volunteer reviser before being finally copyedited by the *Caminando* coordinator.

Deadline for submissions

If you would like to contribute to the next volume of *Caminando*, please send a provisional title and short summary of your text by September 20, 2020, to caminando@cdhal.org.

For the January 2021 issue: full papers must be received by 23 October 2020.

For the June 2021 issue: Full papers must be received by 26 February 2021. You are welcome to submit your article earlier if it is ready.