



EDITOR'S NOTE

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It is with great joy that I accepted the challenge of taking the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Oculum Ensaios*, a scientific journal in the field of Architecture and Urbanism linked to the Postgraduate Program in A&U at PUC-Campinas, replacing Dr. Renata Baesso Pereira, who assumed the coordination of the PGP. Recently, *Oculum* has undergone significant transformations such as revising its focus and themes to meet the contemporary demands of scientific communication with the aim of increasing its impact, international reach, and importance in debates related to production within our discipline.

I take this opportunity to bring readers and partners of the journal information about changes in editorial policy resulting from this new management stage. From this issue onwards, *Oculum* will have the assistance of Associate Editors in its editorial team, invited to collaborate with the process considering the distinct thematic areas of the journal.

The first associate editor is Professor Dr. Alejandro Pérez-Duarte Fernández from the Jesuit University of Guadalajara, Mexico. Alejandro was also responsible for the conception of the recently launched (and already concluded) call for papers for the dossier "Aging, Territory, and Environment," addressing an urgent theme for Brazilian and Latin American cities considering the demographic transformations that await them in the future, which is already present. The response from authors to the call exceeded our expectations, a sign of the importance of the subject and the correctness of its choice. On behalf of *Oculum* and PUC Campinas, I thank Professor Alejandro for generously accepting the challenge of actively participating in this construction!

In the next semester, new associate editors will be announced. This strategy reinforces to the public the understanding that *Oculum* considers collaboration an essential element for maintaining the quality of the journal, as important as the content published.

Finally, two acknowledgments. First, to the Editorial Board of the journal, as their support is vital for the good results we continue to achieve in terms of recognition and demand by both experienced researchers and the new generations.

Besides the board, I could not fail to mention the importance of the reviewers, essential for ensuring the quality and integrity of the content. Scientific reviews are being debated worldwide, and *Oculum* also wants to help build a policy for evaluating scientific production in a plural, ethical, and constructive environment for knowledge in Architecture and Urbanism. In the coming months, we will also dedicate ourselves

to improving this front of work, aiming to increasingly expand the number of reviewers and for their production to have more robustness, quality, and who knows, transparency and visibility? Let's debate!