

EDITORIAL

VALUING THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN SOCIETY



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Brazilian Journalism Research (BJR) finishes up the long year that is 2020 on the strength of the internationalization of its product and the consolidation of its Open Science policy. The magazine currently ranks eighth among Latin American journals in the SCImago Journal Ranking Indicator, which uses citation and impact data from Scopus. In addition, about a third of BJR authors are linked to international institutions of higher education and almost half of the magazine's access numbers come from outside Brazil. We are proud to have Brazilian research in journalism go international and to collaborate in the promotion of a North-South dialogue on emerging themes in the field.

BJR has developed a set of initiatives over the last year to democratize its content and promote transparency in relation to the editorial processes it adopts. In line with this we continue our policy of Open Science, an umbrella term that includes practices such as *open access*, open data, open collaboration, and the dissemination of scientific research results to the public (Albagli et al., 2014 ; Silveira et al., 2018).

Our set of Open Science practices includes publishing the review comments on each article for each edition - once authorized by the reviewers. We also accept pre-published manuscripts or *preprints* for submission. The journal's platform allows the authors to inform the DOI of the repository where the *preprint* version of the article was stored. In addition, **BJR** also joined

with Emerging Research Information (EmeRI), a preprint base created by the Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (Ibict), in partnership with the Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors (Abec). This allows the editors of the journal themselves to deposit manuscripts in *preprint* format, which can then be evaluated in an open format by peers. The BJR's website at EmeRI can be found at: <https://preprints.ibict.br/handle/1618034/36>

Brazilian Journalism Research has also opened up the data used in its published studies. "It is about publishing primary data from a study to be reproduced or reused in further studies, in addition to having it open to extensive review, which could expose any inconsistencies, low quality, plagiarism or fraud" (Albagli et al., 2014, p. 440). This includes textual or audiovisual materials produced in field research (interviews, ethnographic reports, transcriptions for focus groups), corpus analysis (materials from analogue or digital media), documents, quantitative data (*surveys*, questionnaires, social media content), and also large amounts of data (*big data*). When submitting an article to the journal, authors must include the URL or DOI address to access this data or request this material to be included on the journal's open data platform, the BJR Open Data Repository.

BJR's adoption of Open Science initiatives is an inductive and intuitive procedure: modalities for opening up knowledge are implemented, tested, improved and validated throughout the editions. Although we too are learning from this process, we believe that developing models for democratizing scientific knowledge is fundamental, especially in contemporary times. At a time when the world is going through a pandemic and scientific discoveries have come under attack by certain political groups and discredited by disinformation campaigns, **Brazilian Journalism Research** and its *publisher*, the Brazilian Association of Journalism Researchers, hold strong to their commitment of valuing research and its capacity to transform society.

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