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Abstract

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This issue aims to bring to the attention of readers ethical relativism applied in social practice.

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In the relativistic ethical systems, moral truth is a social construct built by negotiating interpretations of desirable behaviors, from the morally perspective (Sandu, 2012b), supported in a private society, in a particular historical moment. In the universalistic ethical systems, moral codes claim to guide the conduct of individuals based on unique and immutable principles, either divine or based on a priori reasoning, immutable. From Camelia Ignătescu's view, morality in the normative sense refers to a universal behavioral guide that is plausible and adapted to the individual conditions in which it is to be accomplished.

For this number were selected papers covering theoretical approaches on topics such as ethical and legal hermeneutics (Ignătescu, 2013b), emotional intelligence and sociability issues (Chisui, 2013), theoretical areas of maximum interest such as ethical perspectives on end of life (Terec-Vlad, Terec-Vlad, 2013). Dimension of social research based on the analysis of empirical data covered topics such as stigma and discrimination against vulnerable populations (Gramma, et al., 2013), educational mentoring relationship as a form of relationship support in the U.S. (Kiriakidis, Jenkins-Williams, 2013) and interdisciplinary learning through extracurricular activities (Chisui, 2013b).

The current number of our journal has a transdisciplinary orientation, with privileged positions from areas of cultural studies, sociology of culture, ethics, etc. These areas are intertwined around the idea of postmodernity and cultural or philosophical openings, underwriting the areas of social studies and humanities.

Understanding postmodernity as a revolution of the individual towards the Universe, the meaning of the individual affirmation and deconstruction of any structures, then transmodernity represents a return to the foundation unit (Sandu, 2012). Crises of postmodern society, generated by consumerism and post-industrialism, requires a different ethic approach from the traditional ethics, designed to ensure the moral responsibility of the actor, on the other hand, the social responsibility of the community to the individual.

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