

## Presentation

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We are pleased to inaugurate with this issue a new stage in the life of the journal stemming from our recent association with Érudit, a Quebec non-profit organization whose main mission is to disseminate and promote research results primarily in the humanities and social sciences, which will broaden its reach and, we hope, foster the number of contributions in a field that benefits from putting its actors in contact to better illuminate the theoretical issues and the practical challenges that it encounters. The use of this platform will also make it easier to review articles that are published in it and will help to highlight the people who sign them.

# **Analysis**

The study conducted by Karine Darbellay, that her article « Enjeux de professionnalisation des intervenants de la rue en Suisse romande : entre correspondants de nuit et travailleurs sociaux hors murs » addresses, describes the interweaving of the work of these two groups of actors. It shows that the arrival of the latter has raised questions about their legitimacy in relation to the former, already present, both from the point of view of their activities (the conduct of projects) and of the space invested (the neighbourhoods). Some activities, however, make it possible to characterize their respective work, of which the professionalization process is under way, particularly with regard to the way in which they exchange information or interact with the police.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the close interweaving of biological aspects of human life with its political-economic determinants and exacerbated social inequalities. Questioning the repercussions of this crisis on the institutions and social organizations of working-class neighbourhoods and the pedagogical actions they have carried out, Sandra Llosa and her colleagues conclude, in their text « Organizaciones sociales y pandemia: impactos y acciones socioeducativas y comunitarias en territorios populares de Buenos Aires », that several aspects of the work have been affected as well as the capacity of these territories to face emerging problems.

Laurent Nkodo Samba considers, in his article « Mettre en place et gérer un regroupement de clubs sportifs amateurs dans une perspective de changement organisationnel », that the rise of this type of grouping, based on the pooling of resources and territorial cooperation, generates new practical questions. The study he conducted with the athletics, rugby and basketball clubs of Lyon (France) based on formal and informal interviews, participating and non-participating observations, press clippings and internal documents of the sports associations, leads him to

define the way in which the new clubs grouped together can be set up and managed through a systemic approach.

## **Reviews and Exhibition Tour Notes**

Jean-Paul Charrié comments on the book by Jean-Pierre Augustin and Pascal Gillon, The World Games: geopolitics of the Olympic Flame. Paris, Armand Colin, 2021, 220 pp.

Jean-Pierre Augustin reports on the work of Jean-Luc Richelle (dir.), Jean-Claude Gillet and the utopia of sociocultural community development: action, training, research. Bordeaux, Carrières sociales Éditions, 2022, 276 pp.

Sarah Turcotte takes a critical look at the exhibition A portion of the present: social norms and rituals as sites of architectural intervention presented at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in 2022.

The next issue of the Journal will be published in the automn of 2022. The deadline to submit an article or report for this issue is October 31th, 2022 (see instructions: https://edition.uqam.ca/atps). Please note that we always accept texts to appear in the Open Topic section.

Enjoy the reading!

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