



## EDITORIAL

### ATÂTÔT – INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE RETURN OF THE BRAZILIAN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

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The neo-fascist threats arising from the wave of the extreme right have marked the political scene in the last four years in Brazil (TERTO NETO, 2020). There was a dismantling of structures and mechanisms for the protection of human rights within the federal government, as well as a significant increase in human rights violations. Violence against the environment has intensified, especially in matters related to forest clearing. More than 600,000 people have died as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, which could have been avoided had the Bolsonaro government bought the vaccines quickly. It has undoubtedly been dark times.

A new horizon approaches, however. Lula's victory in the 2022 presidential elections represents the resumption of the democratic process, with positive effects for human rights and the environment. It is thought that the effects of the global health crisis resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic will be properly addressed, as well as the implementation of public policies aimed at combating hunger and rebuilding the mechanisms and structures that guarantee, in practice, the 'right' to have rights' (KESBY, 2012; INGRAM, 2008; ARENDT, 1989), such as housing, higher education, income, health, among others.

And, in this horizon, the struggles for access to goods and dignity and for the strengthening of the Democratic State of Law conducted by human rights defenders become even more important (FLORES, 2009; TERTO NETO, 2018).



It is, therefore, in a context of resumption of the democratic process, social authoritarianism, populism, human rights violations, and resistance to Brazilian neo-fascism threatening the Democratic State of Law, that the December 2022 edition of Atâtôt – Revista Interdisciplinar de UEG Human Rights.

Faithful to its objective of opening interdisciplinary spaces for the publication of articles, essays, reviews and other academic texts on the general theme of human rights, focusing on topics related to democracy, constitutional issues and social struggles for rights, Atâtôt continues to live up to its meaning attributed to the term atâtôt in the Kayapó universe, that is: “law and/or justice”. This is because it is deliberately inserted in the field of resistance to threats to democracy and human rights, in order to contribute to the construction of a new citizenship with the realization of social justice in Brazilian society.

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