Call for papers: Thematic issue on "Digital Rights in Motion"

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Given the profound impacts of Information and Communication Technologies on society, as well as the need for empirical and interdisciplinary reflections on the subject, BJELS welcomes contributors from different areas to submit papers for the thematic issue "Digital Rights in Motion", organized by the guest editors Rafael Zanatta[2], Michel Roberto de Souza[3] and Elora Fernandes[4].

AIMS AND SCOPE

Digital rights have become fundamental rights according to various Brazilian Supreme Court rulings. Issues such as encryption, data protection, network neutrality, privacy, data interoperability, freedom of expression intermediated by platforms are no longer matters concerning only digital rights activist organizations. These subjects have gained legal density through federal laws, leading cases decided by Superior Courts and important institutional innovations, such as the foundation of the Brazilian National Data Protection Authority in 2020.

In addition, whether directly or indirectly, issues such as "platformization of work" (or "uberization of work"), platform cooperativism, and redefinition of antitrust law dialogue with the central agenda of digital rights. This includes topics such as algorithmic regulation, abusive discrimination, abuse of economic power, and collective management of personal data.

In this effervescent scenario, empirical research on digital rights has become fundamental to guide public policies, institutional arrangements, and decisions by judicial and administrative authorities. This is even more important in countries of the Global South, such as Brazil, which in addition to the challenges inherent to the implementation of new technologies, still need to deal with political and institutional instabilities.

This thematic issue on digital rights in motion seeks to present new ways of studying these rights through empirical methods from a comprehensive approach. Themes could range from anthropological studies on the use of facial recognition by police authorities to empirical analysis of administrative decisions on data protection. It proposes an interdisciplinary perspective, breaking with hermetic views of one or another area of Law and with purely "topographic" and positivist analysis (such as description and interpretation of digital rights laws).

This thematic issue comes from efforts undertaken in 2019 in the Working Group "The collective dimension of digital rights", organized in the context of the IX Seminar of Empirical Legal Studies.

SUBMISSION

All papers submitted in response to this call must follow all the conditions and guidelines presented in the "Submissions" tab, on the journal's website. Papers must be submitted in the section "Digital Rights in Motion Special Issue", within the OJS system.

After a prior analysis by the guest editors on the suitability of the submitted papers to the thematic issue and to the journal's scope (desk review), up to 15 articles will be selected for evaluation by reviewers (double-blind review).

The selected papers will be continuously published in a specific section of volume 9, expected to be published in 2022. To learn more about continuous publication, access the Periodicity section, under the "About the Journal" tab, on the journal's website.

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