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The dossier of the present volume of the academic journal *Virtuajus* is now published in honor of the 70th anniversary of the School of Law, *Faculdade Mineira de Direito da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Brasil*. Its main theme is the complex conceptual relationship between *Ethics, Rights* and *New Humanism*. Several elements are confluent with the ideal of *New Humanism*, including inclusive practices among generations in the process of educating humanity. From a communicative perspective, the question of achieving peace and justice is questioned again, as possible forms of acceptance between

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peoples and cultures, as well as more respect and better understanding between religions. In this process, which is the resumption of a new *ethos*, with innovative habits and customs, one turns to the human person with the aim of rethinking what is around them in political and economic bases, without neglecting of fundamental principles, such as responsibility, critical reflection and openness to the other social scene in which we live.

To demonstrate the logical ability to think and act is what makes someone a humanized being in Western tradition. However, in the current scenario, it is no longer possible to neglect the reception of differences, that ethical action, also as an educational process, demonstrates and develops as the best of the logical tradition and re-signifies it in possible experiences of embracing otherness and heterogeneity that inhabit in everyone.

The articles that make up the thematic dossier, including the translated text¹, reveal this concern with the new *ethos* of contemporary times. In the line of thought of **Catharine MacKinnon**, Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School and the James Barr Ames Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, who cordially allowed us to translate and publish her article *Are Women Human?*, rethinking the human being through the criticism of gender segregation imposed on women, in constant scenarios of violence, becomes a necessary assumption for understanding the effectiveness of Rights to be revised axiologically since the 1948 *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

So too the *Editorial* text² written by Guilherme Coelho Colen and the articles that make up the *Dossier*, as well as those in the *Free Thematic Section* and the texts in the *Students Section* and the *Critical Review*, all of them support epistemological concerns for current ethical issues.

One cannot neglect, for even a moment, how the practice of habitual action, both in relation to the individual and to the community, must be adapted to the way in which rights are legitimated and demonstrated in the anthropological motives of culture. This was the line covered by the articles that make up the present issue in honor of the 70th anniversary of the *Faculdade Mineira de Direito da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Brasil*.

¹ The translated text *Are Women Human?* published by the academic journal *VirtuaJus* is available on the link: <http://periodicos.pucminas.br/index.php/virtuajus/article/view/24462>.

² The Editorial text is available on the following link: <http://periodicos.pucminas.br/index.php/virtuajus/article/view/24474>.

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