



## **Editorial**

Science and technology are human activities that together modify our perception of the world, influence people, societies and the environment, impacting on the evolution of our culture.

While science seeks to understand and explain the phenomena of the world, technology proposes the development of artifacts that can be used to satisfy human needs. When both interact provides innovation, essential for today's times.

Between science and technology, the second has greater responsibility in aligning itself with the ethical and moral principles of society in its evolution, providing a more balanced culture of collective well-being. These responsibilities put technology at the service of humanity, focused on aspects of life in the manifestation of individuals in society and the environments in which they live. When science and technology bring negative aspects to the collective, this means that they are not yet consolidated. In this sense, efforts must be made to improve understanding of the phenomena involved and thus achieve positive aspects for society and the environment.

The PISTA Journal - Interdisciplinary Journal: Society, Technology and Environment of the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, launched by the São Gabriel Unit, aims to contribute to the reflection on the connection between Technology, Society and the Environment, in a continuous flow, scientific contributions from the academic community that approach this interdisciplinary theme.

It is an initiative that should be applauded, considering that it expands the University's role in elaborating solutions to the many social and environmental problems of the contemporary world.

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