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## Call for Papers: Dossier: Communication, victim's condition and suffering policies Lumina, v. 12, N. 2 (2018)

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The victim's assertion, as a new central figure in contemporary societies, has been the subject of many studies, research networks and commentary. Nowadays, the name of the victim is reclaimed in situations such as: gender violence, natural and technological disasters, physical and mental illnesses and sufferings, medical negligence and judicial errors, political persecutions, etc. The image of the victim proliferates throughout the world (FASSIN, 2010). In order to understand this movement historically we cannot ignore the central role played by communication devices (whether traditional or networked media and other strategies for publicizing positions) in dispute around the theme.

Finally, victims are no longer considered passive. Today, they are active voices in claiming their right to be recognized as such, hence, they are able to define and dignify their pain. They make ample mobilization of their individual claims: commissions of truth, reconciliation, associations of victims, biosocial networks built by themselves (around illnesses, diseases or common suffering) or by family members and supporters. In the end, all of those actions are means of obtaining moral and political legitimacy of social demands, as a condition for the consolidation of civil, social and political rights of citizenship.

On the other hand, authors also point to the tendency of assimilation of the victims and their suffering to a somewhat politicized humanitarian logic that emphasizes more "human vulnerability" than the historical conditions that engendered suffering; a "compassion" policy carried out by observers kept at a distance.

Therefore, there is the need not only to problematize the notion of victim, but also to discuss the politics of suffering, due to the place communication takes in this process.

Submitted articles should address one of the following topics:

1. Discourses and narratives in the media about health and disease, and mental suffering
2. Victims and social mobilization
3. Victims and intervention in public spaces
4. Social vulnerability and disaster victims
5. Relations between memory, testimony and subjectivities
6. Poetics and writings of suffering
7. The new standardization of suffering

The guidelines for submitting articles are in <https://lumina.ufjf.emnuvens.com.br/lumina/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>, and the important dates are structured as follows:

- **Deadline for submitting articles:** 01/06
- **Submission of opinion:** up to 31/07
- **Volume Publication:** August 2018

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