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## Presentation

TRANSGENDER STUDIES have emerged as a highly important academic and social field in recent decades. As society moves towards a broader and more respectful understanding of gender diversity, transgender studies play a critical role in exploring and analyzing the experiences of transgender people, as well as in disarticulating binary norms and gender stiffness. Transgender studies have evolved from gender and feminism studies, which questioned traditional power structures and the binary gender divide. As the voices of transgender people began to gain visibility, the field of transgender studies emerged to address the unique experiences, challenges, and struggles they face. It is an interdisciplinary field spanning sociology, psychology, anthropology, cultural studies, and more, with the goal of examining the social and cultural constructions of gender and their impact on the lives of transgender people.

Transgender studies are critical to broadening our understanding of the diversity of gender identities. They help challenge entrenched stereotypes and prejudices, encouraging the acceptance and inclusion of transgender people in society. In addition, these studies provide an empirical basis for the enactment of policies and legislation that protect the rights of transgender people, such as access to adequate health care, equality in the workplace, and the elimination of discrimination. Although transgender studies have advanced significantly, they face challenges and criticism. Some argue that the focus on gender identity can overshadow other forms of oppression, such as those based on race or class. In addition, there are debates about how to address complex issues, such as the relationship between gender and biology, or the diversity of experiences within the transgender community. However, these criticisms also indicate the need for continued discussion and constant refinement in the field of transgender studies.

Transgender studies have played an essential role in promoting equality and understanding of the diversity of gender identities. As society continues to move towards greater inclusion and respect for all gender identities, this field will continue to be a beacon of critical knowledge and analysis. The evolution of transgender studies reflects the very evolution of human understanding and the struggle for justice and equity in all spheres of life.

This is why, this issue of **INTER DISCIPLINA** is dedicated to transgender studies in Mexico. It is undoubtedly a watershed in the literature on the subject. The

guest editors, Drs. Siobhan Guerrero Mc Manus and Liah Muñoz Contreras have done an exceptional job in providing a broad overview of this uncharted territory, which undoubtedly deserves the visibility that patriarchal prejudices have spared it for centuries. The affront is no less, because as the guest editors point out at the end of their editorial, they dedicate their present work “to the innumerable trans people that hate has stolen from us”.

The issue also contains five papers in the Independent Communications section on different interdisciplinary topics. It also includes an interview, conducted by Dr. Guerrero Mc Manus with Terry Holiday and Emma Yessica Duvali, prominent social fighters on these issues. ■

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