

Message from the Director



Dear friends:

This special issue of *Pensamiento Propio*, aimed at presenting Latin American contributions and insights regarding the Responsibility to Protect and their impact on a global level, is a first attempt to disseminate a regional debate to broader audiences. This is why we made a special effort to have as many contributions in English as possible, even if the authors were not English native speakers, with the purpose of reaching a group of readers which usually do not access Latin American academic publications in Spanish. Originally conceived as a collective volume on this topic, a series of non-anticipated last minute difficulties and delays, forced us to reframe the original project and to prepare instead a second special issue of our journal dedicated to the subject, following the one published in 2012. However, one of the chapters and the Dossier on El Salvador are included in this issue in Spanish.

Besides the language issue, we also made an effort to thoroughly edit and review every chapter of this volume.

In this regard, I would like to specially thank Andrei Serbin Pont both for writing with me the introductory chapter and the one on Brazil, and in working jointly in editing this volume, as this was a challenging

but pleasant journey of mutual collaboration. Also I would like to thank Ana Bourse from CRIES for preparing and introducing the Dossier on El Salvador and Isabella Shraiman for her volunteer work in editing several chapters in this volume. I also would like to thank the commitment and the patience of most of the contributors, some of whom accepted to review and to go through their original manuscripts in several occasions, positively and creatively reacting to our comments and suggestions. A special thanks to the Ford Foundation for the support for the publication of this volume. Without the support of all of them this issue would not have been possible.

Finally, I would like to add that this Special Issue of *Pensamiento Propio*, does not include the usual sections on reviews and publications in order to adapt to a format of a collective volume.

Until next issue,

Andrés Serbin