

Goals for a defense studies journal in the coming years.

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As researchers we spend weeks, sometimes months researching different topics and writing the result of our findings. Graduate students, mostly, took months or years to achieve the results expected by their advisors and approved by examiners. After which they seek to rewrite chapters adjusting them to submissions in journals and academic conferences. The fact is that, as authors, our immediate concern is to know in which stage a particular journal is, to decide if we are going to submit a manuscript or not.

As editor-in-chief of the Meira Mattos Collection, I have been following the discussions around the Qualis Capes classification for some years¹ more actively. We have already gone through, and sometimes come back to, the discussion of the extinction of Qualis and the adoption of only the international impact indices. In Qualis Capes itself we have the classifications 2010-2012, 2013-2016 and the most recent 2017-2020.

Qualis Dais		
2013-2016	2017-2020	2021-2024
A1	A1	A1
A2	A2	A2**
B1	A3	A3**
B2	A4*	A4
B3	B1	B1
B4	B2	B2
B5	B3	B3
C	B4	B4

* Appeal submitted asking for reconsideration of the CMM classification.

** Future goals of CMM.

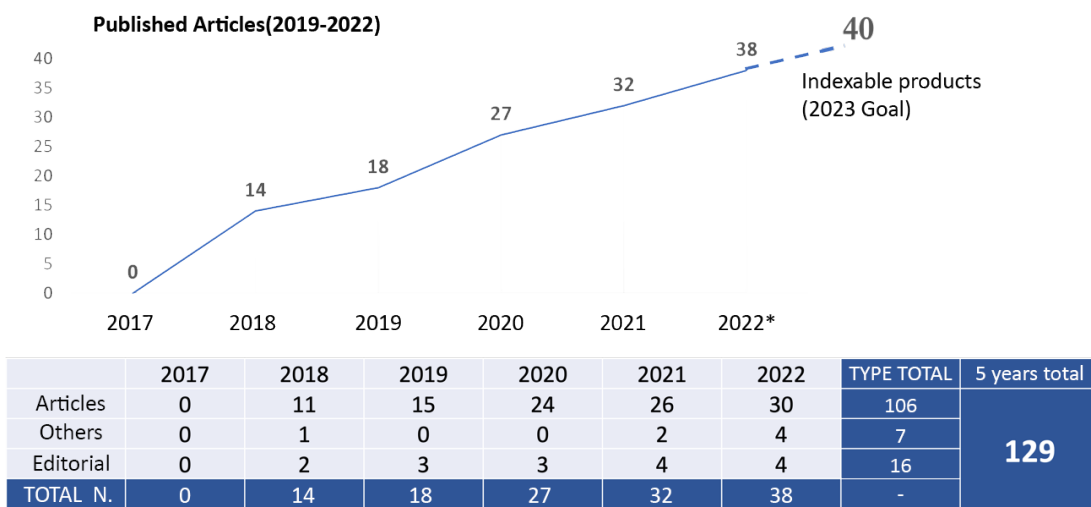
¹ For international readers, or those unfamiliar with the subject, Qualis is an index created by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), an agency subordinate to the Ministry of Education. It classifies scientific journals into dais ranging A1, a2, A3, A4, B1, B2.....C. Usually magazines on higher dais receive more articles and even access to financial incentives.

The work of the committee responsible for evaluating the publications and assigning the new dais was a gigantic task, which resulted in the current classification of journals that can be checked online on the Sucupira Platform (government website), where you can find various information about Graduate Studies in Brazil. An innovation in this new Qualis was the adoption of a single Qualis. Previously, each capes evaluation area evaluated the journals separately and assigned them grades according to its criteria. Thus the same journal could be A1 in Political Science and B2 in geography or history. In the current stratification each journal receives only one classification. The criteria that each committee used in the evaluation of the journals is public and available on the CAPES website. The area of Political Science, Relations and Defense, where the Meira Mattos Collection is inserted, used international bibliometric indices such as *Impact Factor* and the *H5 index of Scholar Google*.

CMM received the A4 classification, previously it was B2. What seems like a good development actually wasn't. We have maintained the same position after years of efforts to improve the journal (see Table 1). We sent an appeal to CAPES presenting arguments and showing CMM production indicators. Until the closing of this edition we have not yet had access to the result of the appeal. No matter what, we are not discouraged. We are focusing both on climbing the Qualis dais, but mainly on achieving international indexations such as *Web of Science*.

During the pandemic, we evaluated the results of the plans and goals set for the CMM in 2018. We present and comment on some of them.

CMM appears as an independent academic publication in 2011, along with The Post-graduate Program in Military Sciences of the Meira Mattos Institute. It suffered setbacks in 2016 and 2017 when it lost the editorial flow resumed in 2018, with important reformulations and an academic and professional vision (RAMOS; FRANCHI, 2020; 2020b). Gradually, the number of publications was expanded year by year, reaching four editions and thirty articles in 2022. The goal for the coming years is to continue expanding the portfolio of articles and other indexable products by international databases.



But it was not only quantitatively that CMM advanced. We established a professional editorial flow, reworked standards, revamped the layout, invited new professors to the editorial board, achieved international indexing, sought resources through projects, and started publishing the Journal in three languages, being the only fully trilingual CP&RI (Political Sciences and International Relations) journal currently.

Number of articles published in other languages (English=EN, Spanish=ES)										
2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		total
EN	ES	EN	ES	EN	ES	EN	ES	EN	ES	
5	5	15	15	24	24	26	26	30	30	186

Supported by the professors of The Post-graduate Program, we expanded the active collection of articles by national and international authors. This has ensured improvements in endogeneity and internationalization rates. In recent years alone, we have published 29 articles by foreign authors or those affiliated with foreign institutions. This means approximately 20% of CMM publications.



Argentina	South Korea	India (3 articles)	South Africa
Bangladesh	Spain (2 articles)	Mexico	United Arab Emirates
Belgium	USA (2 articles)	Nigeria (5 articles)	29 international articles
Bolivia	Guatemala (2 articles)	Pakistan	
Colombia	Guyana	Portugal (4 articles)	

The mission of CMM is to publish quality articles in the area of Political Science, International Relations and Defence (Area 39 CAPE) and in the Military Sciences. The goal is to be one of the reference journals for the discussion of defense issues in Brazil and South America. Therefore, in the coming years CMM will continue to improve its classification in Qualis Capes. At the same time, we will seek to be indexed in international databases such as *Web of Science* and *Scopus*, in order to increase the visibility of the journal and internationalize it.

We suggest readers to research the editions, get in touch with the diversity of authors and themes that have been published in CMM in recent years... and we thank you in advance for your audience!

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