



## What is IMDH?

The **Instituto Memória e Direitos Humanos - IMDH (Memory and Human Rights Institute)**, officially created at **Federal University of Santa Catarina - UFSC** on March 2nd, 2020, aims to organize a Memory on Human Rights in Santa Catarina and in Brazil, make its content available through teaching, research and extension activities and collect informations on human rights violations and contribute to their protection and promotion. In June 30th, 2021, a Technical Cooperation Agreement was established with the duration of five years to associate **State University of Santa Catarina - UDESC** with the IMDH activities.

## How are IMDH activities organized?

The **Instituto Memória e Direitos Humanos – IMDH (Memory and Human Rights Institute)** has four Work Groups

- The **Documents Collection Working Group** aims to organize and make available a Documents Collection about Memory and Human Rights built from historical documents dealing with Human Rights violations in Santa Catarina and Brazil, especially including those that have occurred during dictatorship periods or related to Indigenous and Black populations.
- The **Education Working Group** organizes and carries out training in human rights for teachers of the basic education network in Santa Catarina, as well as for other professional areas. The central themes of work and discussion are memory and military dictatorship, violence, racism, gender, childhood, migration, linguistic and cultural diversity, environment, among other ones.
- The **Human Rights Observatory Working Group** aims to promote and develop multidisciplinary research and extension activities based on the observation of Human Rights violations, and to contribute to the protection and promotion of these same rights.
- The **Working Group on Memory, Truth and Justice** aims to carry out actions in support of Human Rights, in particular advocacy and to act in the representation of the IMDH in institutional spaces and political movements that propose the preservation and construction of the Memory on Human Rights in Brazil.

IMDH is represented in the **Conselho Estadual de Direitos Humanos de Santa Catarina - CEDH** (Human Rights State Council of Santa Catarina) since July 2021, as well as in the **Cátedra Derechos Humanos da Associação de Universidades do Grupo de Montevideo - AUGM** (Human Rights Chair of the Association of Universities of the Montevideo Group), besides is also part of the **Coalizão Brasil por Memória, Verdade, Justiça, Reparação e Democracia** (Brazilian Coalition for Memory, Truth, Justice, Reparation and Democracy).

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## What have been the main activities of the IMDH since 2020?

IMDH has organized two meetings:

- [1st Meeting on Memory and Human Rights](#) - **State violence in the past and present** (September 25th and 26th, 2019).
- [2nd Meeting on Memory and Human Rights](#) - **Human Rights and Democracy: Fights and Protagonists** (December 07th and 08th, 2022).

IMDH has organized and implemented the following courses (watch at [IMDH's Courses Youtube Playlist](#)):

- **Qualification Course in Memory and Human Rights** (fully online) with a 40h certificate, for professors of the baseline education in Santa Catarina as well as in other Brazilian states, during the second semester of 2021.
- **Qualification Course in Human Rights and Violence Prevention** (fully online) oriented towards the members of the Centers for the Prevention of Violence of the Regional Education Coordinations of the State Secretary of Education, during the second semester of 2022.

IMDH has organized virtual debates (watch at [IMDH's Debate Youtube Playlist](#)):

- Two cycles of virtual debates named **Talks/Chats about Human Rights** – cycle 1 (6 live streams) and cycle 2 (10 live streams), from June to December 2020.
- The cycle of virtual lectures and debates (5 live streams) entitled **Latin America: pandemic, militarization and human rights** with the participation of lecturers from many Latin and Central American countries during the second semester of 2020 and the first semester of 2021.
- The cycle of online debates (3 live streams) named **Education in Santa Catarina during pandemic times**, in April 2021.

IMDH has participated of the following national movements:

- [Walks of Silence](#) organized by the Voices of Silence Movement that took place on the 31st of March and the 1st of April 2020
- [Virtual March for Science](#) on the 7th of May 2020 and the [March for Life](#) on the 9th of June 2020, both organized by the Sociedade Brasileira para o Progresso da Ciência – SBPC (Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science).

IMDH has the following initiatives:

- [Mapping of civil society entities](#) that work with the defense and promotion of human rights in Santa Catarina (always updated).
- creating the [Rights to Health and Life Network!](#) that published news about the pandemic on their social media platforms from March 26th until June 19th, 2020.
- organizing and hosting the **Virtual Exhibition “[UFSC and the Military Dictatorship: facts and characters](#)”**, in cooperation with the Museology Department at UFSC, starting on July 2020.

