Published since 1985, Journal of UNIFA is a scientific journal blindly evaluated by peers, published every six months and endowed with an Aerospace Power view. Conceived as a vehicle for disseminating the students’ work from the Brazilian Air Force officers post-graduate, the journal underwent a process of transformation, overcoming difficulties and consolidating itself as a scientific periodical dedicated to the theme of Aerospace Power.

In recent years, also in view of the changes that have been made with the creation of the Ministry of Defense and the development of research and teaching centers, dedicated to Defense and to Strategic Studies, the journal was improved achieving therefore an academic profile according to new times. Still within the Air Force University, other sectors were integrated into the process of transformation established, fostering researches related to the needs of the Aeronautical Command (COMAER), thus approaching the academic community. In this way, the Master’s Degree in Aerospace Sciences Department, subordinated to the Pro-Rectory of Teaching, finds another space for disseminating the work of teachers and students, reinforcing the cooperation ties of sectors of an institution that accompanies the winds of change.

In parallel, the scenario has stimulated the exchange of ideas among journals dedicated to related areas due to the continuous growth of the COMAER, favoring the exchange of experiences and discussions about the improvement of submission modalities and the maturation of the publications field. In view of this, Journal of the Air Force University is a singular publication that are discussed the various aspects with which the COMAER is confronted in its daily life and in its planning, strategy, defense, training and critical analysis.

The publication focuses on the studies of Aerospace Power. In this way, it is proposed to explain the scope of the journal, an element that marks the papers collected in its editions. Thus, the Journal of UNIFA focuses on the reflections of that guiding concept. According to the definition presented in the Basic Doctrine of Air Force, the Aerospace Power,

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\text{Is the projection of National Power resulting from the integration of the resources available to the Nation for the use of airspace and of outer space, both as an instrument of political and military action and as a factor of economic and social development, aiming to achieve and maintain national objectives.}^{1}
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Its constituent elements – Air Force, Civil Aviation, Aerospace Infrastructure, Aerospace Industry, Aerospace Scientific and Technological Complex, and Human Resources Specializing in Aerospace Employment\(^2\) – form areas that interconnect, stimulating the promotion of analyzes pertinent to studies of the most diverse areas of knowledge correlated with that concept.

Given the high degree of complexity of this reality, it is not possible to disregard fields of knowledge, such as the large areas of Biological Sciences, Health Sciences, Engineering, Multidisciplinary, Human Sciences, Applied Social Sciences and others, which are classified by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES). The approximation among several disciplines favors the promotion of analyzes dedicated to the development of Aerospace Power and stimulates a critical reflection on the subject.

Being available in print and on-line versions, the Journal of UNIFA’s Scientific Editorial Department has been promoting since 2014 the translation of papers in the English and Spanish languages as a way to contribute to the diffusion of academic production in the Southern Cone, in the United States, in several European countries and in others that show interest in maintaining partnership in that diffusion of scientific researches. However, for this undertaking to be successful, commitment to work and rigorous procedures are the keys to the fulfillment of the mission.

Good reading!

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\(^2\)Ibid., f. 35-36.