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**The circulation of
knowledge and
globalization of
knowledge systems: a
sociological question**

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ABSTRACT:

The circulation of knowledge and globalization of knowledge systems: a sociological question

Why do we talk about "knowledge production" and not about scientific institutions? And since science has always been an international activity, why is it that suddenly we are so much concerned today about its circulation? Is it that globalization changed our vision of science? And, also: what circulates: people, money, articles and books? How do these objects circulate? Or is it not about these objects but about something else that we call "knowledge" because we don't have any better word to qualify it? Based on my empirical research experience about scientific research, on scientific communities in Latin America, the Middle-East and Africa, I would like to discuss (since I have many doubts about the role of this "knowledge production") these issues that concern not only science but also borders, infrastructures and public policy.