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**Monographic:
"The defenselessness
of minors being exposed to internet pornography ".**

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2023

Introduction

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA invites to send texts for the monograph "The defenselessness of minors being exposed to internet pornography "whose deadline for submissions is October 31, 2023.

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA is a digital research journal published by the Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía (CAA) whose objectives are the dissemination of scientific articles related to the functions determined in its Law of creation¹ with special interest in the contents related to the impact of communication in the following areas: the regulation of audiovisual media, political pluralism, protection of

¹ LEY 1/2004, de 17 de diciembre, de creación del Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía. Boletín Oficial de la Junta de Andalucía, número 254, 30 diciembre 2004. Amended by art. 15 de la Ley 2/2019, 26 junio. Ref. BOE-A-2019-11576
<https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/boja/boletines/2004/254/d/updf/d1.pdf>

minors, youth and senior citizens, discriminatory content, media literacy, gender equality, regulations and legislation in force in audiovisual matters and advertising and cultural identity, among others.

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA is a biannual academic journal published in digital format. It arises from the interest in transferring knowledge to society about their fields of work and to act as a bridge between academia, the professional field, the audiovisual industry and other institutions and regulatory bodies of the audiovisual.

With a clear vocation of national and international scope and developed from Andalusia, the publication is open to professionals, professors and researchers from all countries. **Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA** aims to cover a broad spectrum of topics within the studies related to the social impact and scope of audiovisual media of radio and television broadcasting and any other system of sound or image transmission regardless of the form of emission or technology used.

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA publishes scientific articles, essays and reports with the aim of being a platform that promotes debate. It aims to collect outstanding research from various perspectives, both theoretical and empirical or applied. Methodological rigor and research results are requirements for the review and publication of originals. The publication is open access and free for the reading public and does not entail any cost for submitting articles or for the editorial process.

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA is inspired by the principles of freedom of expression, the right to honor and privacy, truthful information, dissemination and communication, equality and non-discrimination, and the compatibility of these principles with those of pluralism and objectivity in the audiovisual sector. Each issue of the **Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA** is dedicated to a current topic set by the journal's editorial board.

Monographic "The defenselessness of minors being exposed to internet pornography".

Focus

Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA inaugurates its second stage in research journal format with the subject of minors' access to pornography on which, given the alarm signals, it has been focusing studies and activities in recent times.

The Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía is the audiovisual authority in charge of the compliance with the current regulations on audiovisual matters and advertising in the audiovisual media, in accordance with the provisions of articles 1 and 2 of Law 1/2004, of December 17, of creation of the CAA. In accordance with the functions established in Article 4, it is responsible for safeguarding the rights of minors, young people, senior citizens, people with disabilities, immigrants and other groups in need of greater protection, with regard to the contents of programming and advertising broadcasts (...).

Within the framework of these competences, the CAA's Strategic Plan 2021/2023 contemplates, as one of its objectives and actions, the protection of minors from audiovisual contents, in general, and with respect to these contents broadcasted through the Internet, in particular.

The risks to which children are exposed and their avoidance is based on the best interests of the child, enshrined in Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is also included in articles 2 and 3 of Organic Law 1/1996, of 15 January, on the Legal Protection of Minors and Law 4/2021, of 27 July, on Childhood and Adolescence of Andalusia, respectively. The aforementioned article 2 provides that all minors have the right to have their best interests valued and considered as paramount in all actions and decisions concerning them, both in the public and private spheres. In the application of this law and other rules that affect them, as well as in the measures concerning minors adopted by public or private institutions, the Courts, or legislative bodies, their best interests shall prevail over any other legitimate interest that may concur.

The Organic Law 8/2021, of June 4, on the comprehensive protection of children and adolescents against violence dedicates its Chapter VIII to new technologies and expressly recognizes the risks derived from an inappropriate use that may generate phenomena such as the access and consumption of pornography among the underage population.

El Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía has been showing its concern for the easy access of minors to pornographic contents and the associated effects and risks. In this sense, several reports, works and meetings have been carried out with experts from all the areas involved. Likewise, in 2021, a technical report was prepared by the Content Area of the CAA on age verification measures for Spanish websites² offering pornographic content. Subsequently, Decision 5/2022 was adopted, on the protection of minors from pornographic content on the Internet³, in which, among other considerations, the CAA considered it essential to review the current regulatory regime regarding the control and access to pornographic content on the Internet, and urged the competent authorities in this area and Internet platforms that host this type of content to tighten the requirements for accessing pages with pornographic content.

Subsequent to the entry into force of Law 13/2022, of July 7, General Audiovisual Communication, the Council updated the aforementioned technical report, and it was found that none of the pages included therein whose companies were registered in Spain complied with the age verification requirements demanded by Article 89.1 of the LGCA, which was transferred to the competent administration, the National Commission for Markets and Competition, for the appropriate purposes, by means of an Agreement⁴ of the Plenary of the AAC of March 15, 2023.

In addition to this concern of the Consejo Audiovisual de Andalucía, there are several reports that show the increase in the access of minors to pornography on the Internet. This is the context in which we invite you to submit research related to the thematic areas indicated below.

Issues

Contributions are invited that are preferably related to the following aspects:

- Works with contributions on safeguarding the rights of minors and young people that contribute to a greater and better knowledge of the reality regarding minors' access to pornography on the Internet and its effects.

² Those web pages of the Report prepared by the Contents Area of the CAA in January 2021, whose legal notice states that a company established in Spain is responsible for the contents, have been considered Spanish.

³ <https://consejoaudiovisualdeandalucia.es/2022/02/17/decision-5-2022-sobre-la-proteccion-de-los-menores-frente-a-los-contenidos-pornograficos-en-Internet/>

⁴ <https://consejoaudiovisualdeandalucia.es/2023/03/23/acuerdo-de-15-de-marzo-de-2023-por-el-que-se-traslada-a-la-comision-nacional-de-los-mercados-y-la-competencia-la-relacion-de-plataformas-de-intercambio-de-videos-de-pornografia-establecidos-en-espana/>

- Research providing data and analysis of attitudes and risk behaviours as well as possible legislative improvements in this area.
- Contributions on the dangers of minors' access to the Internet in the family environment and in schools.
- Research on media literacy and good practices as well as measures and recommendations of different types to be taken to address the worrying data on minors' access to pornography on the Internet (technical, governmental, legislative measures).
- Research based on empirical data on the consumption of pornography by minors.
- Research that connects the increasingly early and intensive access to technology with early access to pornographic content by minors.
- Connection of pornography access by minors and other associated issues: depression, bullying, violence, eating disorders, risk patterns, gender studies, etc.

Instructions and submission of proposals

- The editorial rules of the [Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA](#) must be followed.
- Submission of proposals for the Monograph through the OJS Platform.
- Web portal of the [Cuadernos del Audiovisual | CAA](#).

All articles submitted must be original and unpublished and must not be under review by other publications. They will be submitted to the double-blind peer review process and the publication undertakes to inform the authors of the positive or negative result of the evaluation within a maximum period of two months of their submission. Contributions should be submitted in accordance with the journal's style guidelines attached,