

# Introduction

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Revista Mujer Andina, in its Volume 3, Number 2, reaffirms its commitment to disseminating scientific knowledge with a gender perspective, from a critical, intersectional, and Latin American viewpoint. This issue, edited by the Scientific Institute of the Universidad Andina del Cusco, is framed within the “Women’s Studies” research line, conceived as a space for reflection and academic production that makes visible the multiple dimensions of the female experience in contemporary societies.

From the heart of Cusco, Peru, with a historical heritage of resistance, ancestral wisdom, and social transformation, this publication projects its voice towards South America and the world, seeking to contribute to the global debate on the rights, challenges, and opportunities for women in diverse contexts. The academic research presented here is testament to a growing movement to build more just, inclusive, and equitable societies.

In a global reality marked by the persistence of structural gender gaps, women are positioned as active protagonists of social change. Their role in education, science, work, culture, health, and politics is not only vital but also transformative. Revista Mujer Andina embraces this commitment, consolidating itself as a medium to amplify the voices, experiences, and contributions of women in different regions of the planet.



This edition proudly highlights seven research papers from diverse countries, each addressing crucial themes from a gender perspective:

1. **“Women’s Leadership in STEM Fields: Key to Promoting Inclusion and Diversity” (Mexico).** This study analyzes the impact of female leadership in science and technology, emphasizing how women scientists serve as inspiring role models for new generations, thereby contributing to educational and professional equity.
2. **“Urban Prosperity Index: Perception of the Security Variable in Santa Rosa Canton” (Ecuador).** This paper examines citizens’ perceptions of security as a component of the urban prosperity index, highlighting its influence on quality of life, particularly from a gender-sensitive perspective.
3. **“Systematic Review on Scientific Visibility and Confrontation of Gender-Based Violence in Cuba”.** This article presents a rigorous bibliographic analysis of the protocols and services implemented in Cuba to address gender-based violence. It reveals advancements, challenges, and gaps in the scientific visibility of this issue.
4. **“Occupational Ergonomic Factors and Musculoskeletal Symptomatology in Healthcare Personnel” (Colombia).** This research addresses the occupational health conditions of healthcare personnel, who are predominantly female, and their relationship with musculoskeletal discomfort. It serves as a basis for ergonomic interventions with a preventive and gender-focused approach.
5. **“Intimate Partner Violence among Individuals Released with Penitentiary Benefits and Sentenced Individuals (INPE, Lima-Peru)”.** From the National University of San Marcos, this article examines the persistence of intimate partner violence within contexts of penitentiary reinsertion. It sheds light on a complex and underexplored problem from the perspective of gender and social justice.
6. **“An Initiative for Collaboration and Participation in the Professional Sphere: Women Engineers” (Mexico).** This study systematizes the experiences of support and collaboration networks for women in engineering. It reveals how these spaces strengthen empowerment, retention, and female professional identity in highly masculinized disciplines.
7. **“Women’s Movement of Nigeria: The Challenge of State Patriarchy” (Nigeria).** This paper provides a historical perspective from West Africa on the struggles of the Nigerian Women’s Movement against state patriarchy in the 1950s, offering a valuable analysis for a global understanding of feminist resistance.

This issue of *Mujer Andina* showcases the academic and human dynamism with which women researchers, professionals, and activists construct situated, interdisciplinary, and transformative knowledge. We invite our readers to immerse themselves in each article with a critical and open perspective, recognizing that gender-focused research not only contributes to science but also transforms lives, policies, and structures.

From the Scientific Institute of the Universidad Andina del Cusco, we reaffirm our commitment to developing science dedicated to equity, and to building bridges between the local and the global, between the ancestral and the emergent. This is because the voice of the Andean woman resonates, expands, and transforms into knowledge for the world.