

POLÍTICA E PANDEMIAS

**Olhares políticos transdisciplinares
sobre os dilemas da Cidade Terrestre**

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A digression on pandemic public health policies

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She/He who does good doesn't know the good she/he does.
[free translation of a popular Portuguese saying]

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.
[James 4:17]

1. Introduction

On purpose, let us start with some numbers. Since the (most recent) pandemic crisis caused the first death in Portugal – supposedly on 16/17 March 2020 – until the last day of October (2020), the percentage of the number of deaths by Covid-19, in relation to the total number (by natural causes), was approximately 3.92% (in Portugal). Given the magnitude of this percentage, it makes sense to ask why, I believe in all the days of the past months, the mass media has been concerned with Covid-19 – as also have been the public health authorities, including the Ministry of Health – and, on very few of those days, has it been worried about the remaining 96.08%?

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