



## Introduction

In 2017, three scientific journals investigating social sciences from a cultural communicative angle, H-ermes, Im@ago and Mediascapes, decided to open a common call focusing on the “Hidden King”, a concept developed by Georg Simmel precisely one century ago, in 1918.

Therefore, the three journals have set up a dedicated editorial office gathering all contributors of these journals and arranging for the selection of the many papers submitted.

The result is an issue presenting more than twenty contributions on the relation between the “Hidden King” and the production of the imaginary, allocated to the journals according to their respective vocation and editorial line.

During the same year, a group of researchers affiliated to the Italian Association of Sociology (AIS) had proposed to create a new thematic section, entirely dedicated to the imaginary. The proposal followed its course and was approved.

This triple issue on the “Hidden King”, involving many of the members of the new AIS section on the imaginary, is the first common initiative of our this research group.

