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# Analog Role-Playing Game Studies: A Brazilian Overview

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# INTRODUCTION

- A book by Augusto Boal and an article by Carlos Klimick, Eliane Bettocchi and Rian Rezende appear as cited references in *Role-Playing Game Studies: Transmedia Foundations*
- On two occasions, in the same book, the strong Brazilian tradition with TTRPGs is mentioned



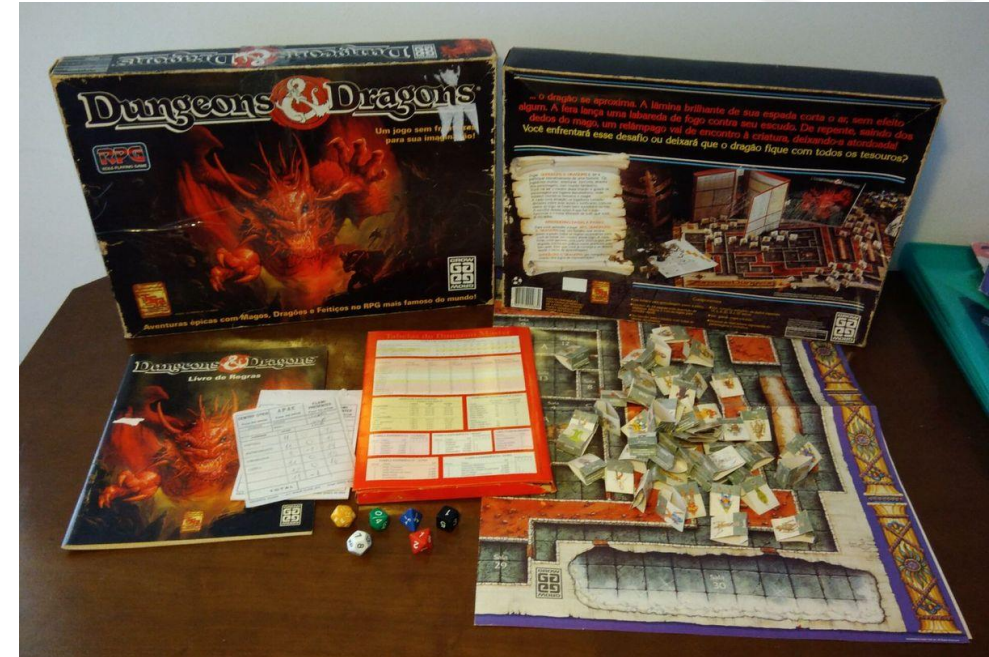
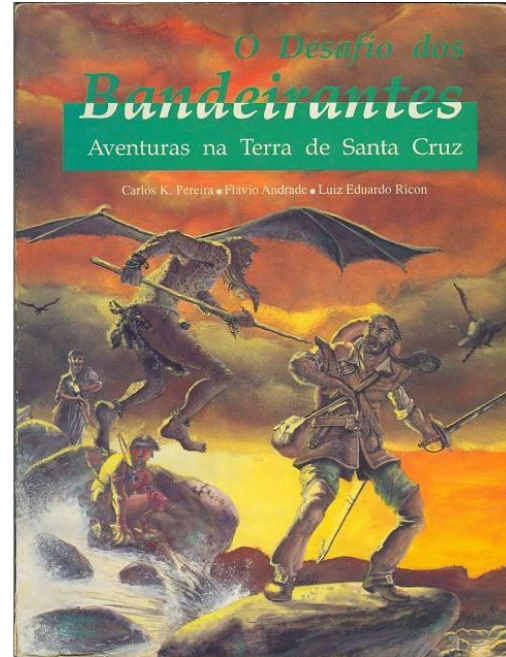
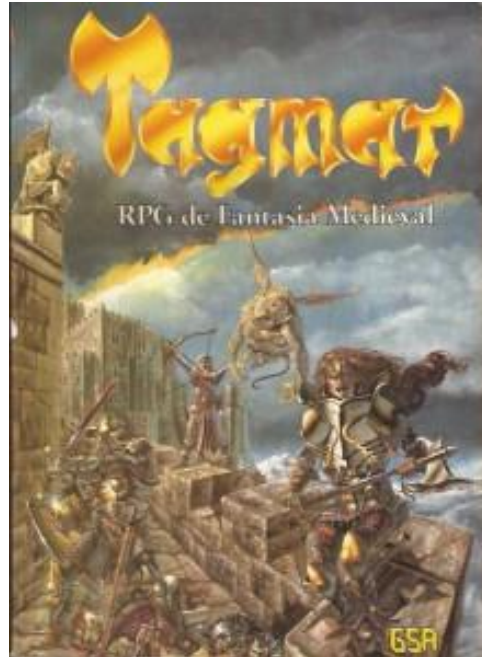
## (Part of the) History of Analog RPGs in Brazil

- Exchange students bring TTRPGs (notably, D&D) to Brazil
- English schools, some university circles and elite high schools are the places where TTRPG was played until the 1990s
- Photocopies were the most used means of dissemination, given the difficulty (financial, as well as distribution) of obtaining books





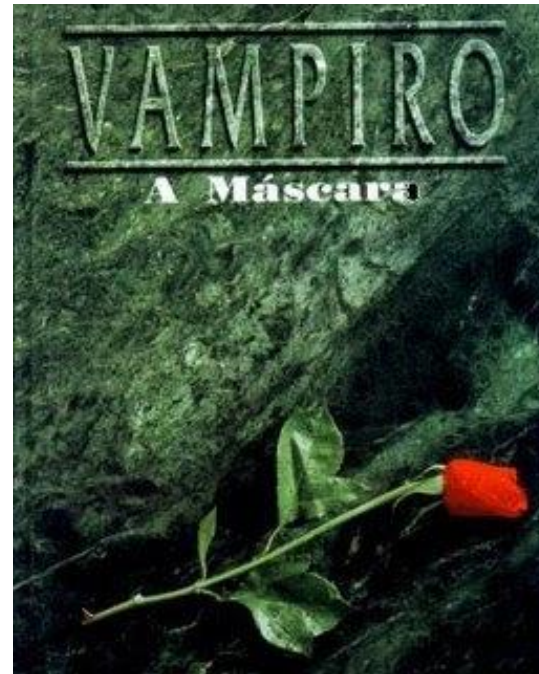
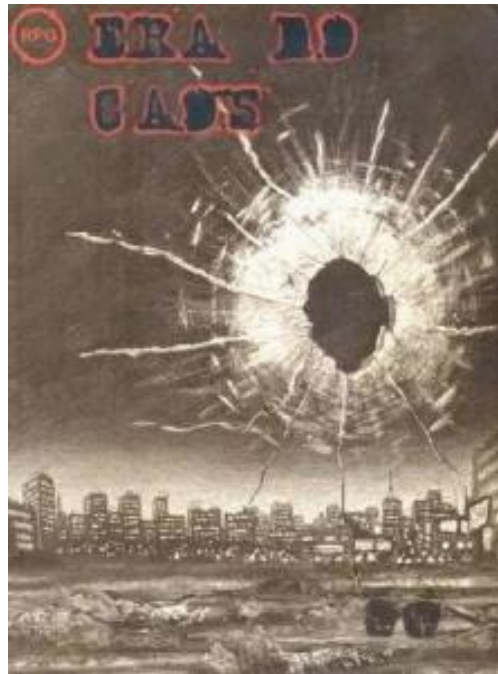
# Early 1990s





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# Mid 1990s





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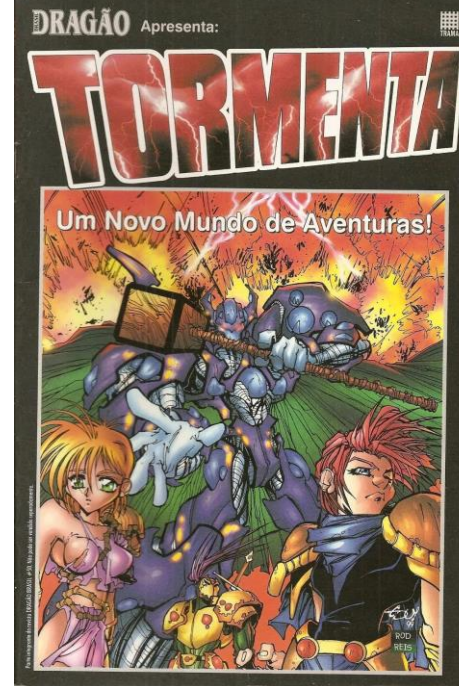


## OURO PRETO

Jogadores de  
RPG podem ter  
matado jovem

A polícia suspeita que a estudante Aline Soares, de 18 anos, tenha sido assassinada por jogadores do RPG, jogo em que um dos participantes perde a vida. Aline, encontrada morta num cemitério de Ouro Preto, seria a perdedora e por isso morreu.

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2010s



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## (Outline of) an exploratory overview of researches involving RPG in Brazil

- 906 scholars listed role-playing games as a topic of their research
- 389 of them have a PhD
- Research starting in the 1990s
- 1st scientific event: 2002 (RPG and education symposium)
- Anthropology, Communication, Design, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Psychiatry, Theater and **Education** (broadly)
  - Generic formula: “The use of RPG as a tool in the teaching of (discipline in question)”



# CONCLUSIONS

- **Lack of dialogue between researchers**
- **(Re)invention of the wheel**
- **RPG as object, not theme**
  
- Regarding the history of this practice, we did not significantly distance ourselves from the context of other countries, except perhaps for the distribution peculiarities.
  
- Academically, we are eager to participate in international discussions, but the truth is, we barely talk to ourselves.

Thank you!

