

EDITORIAL

Following the path of quality and scientific relevance marked by the editorial team of this journal and the School of Law of the Catholic University of Colombia, this new number, the first edition of 2020, compiles discussions based on diversity, current events, and academic rigor, and invite readers to reflect, adopt critical postures, and to delve into and rethink socially necessary debates from the approach and topic of each article.

Thus, in accordance with the social focus of the journal, and with a view not only to the indispensable scientific relevance, but also the inexorable need to be timely regarding social problems, the texts included in this version use a cross-cutting approach to develop important questions relating to local and regional realities, where policy, law, and society interrelate and shed light on phenomenon that demand the attention of the academic community and may be addressed from scientific research.

In this number, readers will find discussions regarding democracy in Ibero-America; constitutional analysis based on the conditions of presidentialism in the Global South, Latin American comparative socio-legal studies; methodological contributions from a normative, institutional, and educational perspective to understand processes of democratization and social legitimization, and research into citizen participation mechanisms in the Spanish democratic context.

The public reader may also approach studies regarding human rights, as one of the articles includes an analysis of measures for their protection in Colombia. Additionally, as is custom in periodic publications of our journal, highly relevant discussions outside the focus of Ibero-America and Latin America are also included in this number. For the academic community in India, as has also been custom in our recent editions, Indian authors reflect on the human rights situation in this South Asian country. Readers will also find a critical analysis of the legal situation of the rights of women and the LGBTI population in this context. Additionally, a review of science, technology, and innovation initiatives in the context of the Tenth

BRICS Summit serve to address regional integration dynamics from an economic and political perspective.

This edition includes discussions regarding pluralism and the dynamics of integration and recognition within Latin American States with respect to minority populations, in which the Colombian case is used as a learning referent. It also includes reflections on how States may incorporate ancestral practices, the law, and indigenous peoples' internal policies into alternative conflict resolution. This edition also reviews the categories that constitute the epistemological statute of legal dogma.

The scientific journal specialized in legal and political sociology *Novum Jus*, its collaborators, the editorial team, and the School of Law of the Catholic University of Colombia are pleased to present a new number to the scientific community and reading public. We hope you thoroughly enjoy it and that it serves to guide, deepen, and rethink local, regional, and international debates.

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