

Editorial

Navigating Fairness in Academia: An Imperative amidst a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape

In the ever-evolving landscape of global affairs, academia stands as a beacon in the pursuit of truth and knowledge. As the world changes, our commitment to fairness becomes paramount. The imperative of academic publications aimed at protecting and building a school of Latin American thought in accordance with our own particularities is recognized.¹ At the same time, the pursuit of justice materializes in the protection of human and fundamental rights, as well as the institutions that are part of the social rule of law.²

The current issue of *Novum Jus* acknowledges that the geopolitical landscape is in constant flux, with power realignments brought on by economic interdependence and technological advancements.³ These changes bring about challenges that directly impact academia's commitment to fairness. Academic institutions must grapple with the ethical implications of collaborations, the dissemination of knowledge, and the potential for bias in research and discourse.

¹ Oscar Alexis Agudelo Giraldo and Jorge Enrique León Molina, "Una devaluación del mito eurocéntrico sobre la universalidad de los derechos humanos: la sospecha latinoamericana," *Revista Científica General José María Córdova* 21, no. 44 (2023): 1005-1026, <https://doi.org/10.21830/19006586.1260>; Germán Silva García and Bernardo Pérez-Salazar, "La evaluación de la investigación jurídica publicada en libros y su impacto en la educación superior colombiana," *Revista Pedagogía Universitaria y Didáctica del Derecho* 10, no. 2 (2023): 101-120, <https://doi.org/10.5354/0719-5885.2023.71285>; Germán Silva García, "El papel de la investigación en la educación jurídica: un problema de poder y colonialidad," *Revista Pedagogía Universitaria y Didáctica del Derecho* 8, no. 2 (2021): 61-80, <https://doi.org/10.5354/0719-5885.2021.61453>.

² Pablo Elías González Monguí and Jorge Enrique Carvajal Martínez, "La construcción del enemigo en el imaginario penal," *Novum Jus* 17, no. 3 (2023): 189-213, <https://doi.org/10.14718/NovumJus.2023.17.3.7>; Germán Silva García and Vannia Ávila Cano, "Control penal y género. ¡Baracunátana!: una elegía al poder sobre la rebeldía femenina," *Revista Criminalidad* 64, no. 2 (2022): 23-34, <https://doi.org/10.47741/17943108.352>; Tania Lucía Fonseca-Ortiz and Paola Alexandra Sierra-Zamora, "El desafío de los derechos económicos, sociales, culturales y ambientales en el posacuerdo colombiano," *Via Inveniendi et Iudicandi* 17, no. 1 (2022): 149-174, <https://doi.org/10.15332/19090528.7745>.

³ Harvey Starr and Randolph M. Siverson, "Alliance and geopolitics," *Political Geography Quarterly* 9, no. 3 (2024): 232-248, [https://doi.org/10.1016/0260-9827\(90\)90025-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/0260-9827(90)90025-6).

Recognizing that this power shift has taken place since the beginning of civilization, the article “The President of Colombia and His Constitutional Avoidance in Times of Crisis” points out that, since the 1991 Constitution, the president of Colombia has resorted to legal, not constitutional means to limit the exercise of some fundamental rights, thus creating an elusive presidentialism of adequate constitutional control. Similarly, “Citizen Participation and the Political Order Resulting from Administrative and Constitutional Reforms” explores citizen participation mechanisms and concludes that citizen participation shows a strong legislative-formal development; however, political and economic dynamics have established barriers to its political realization.

As geopolitical alliances and tensions shape international relations, academia often finds itself at the nexus of collaborations between institutions from different regions. This issue, like the ones before, features a group of researchers worldwide, demonstrating our commitment to fairness and ensuring that academic pursuits are not compromised by political agendas. Fairness demands academic discourse transcends geopolitical biases, promoting multiple perspectives that enrich scholarly dialogue.⁴

The matter of Latin American integration continually comes up in academic research. The 21st century has witnessed a surge in Latin American integration efforts, marking a significant departure from divisions rooted historically in politics. The article “Some Reflections to Evaluate Accessibility in Latin American Models of Digital Government” recognizes that, although Latin America has made strides toward the creation of a digital government framework, there are still important doubts around the notion of accessibility, which demands the construction of instruments to measure the strengths and weaknesses of public policies and, especially, their application.

As Latin America charts its course in the new global landscape, the collective pursuit of unity is inspiring. The region has the potential to leverage its diversity as a strength, fostering collaboration that transcends traditional divisions. A renewed commitment to dialogue, mutual respect, and shared goals will be essential for realizing the full potential of Latin American integration efforts, ultimately creating a stronger, more resilient, and interconnected region on the global stage. In “The Court of Justice of the Andean Community: An Exploratory Analysis of Its Case-Law Activity,” the authors analyze the rulings of the Court of Justice of the

⁴ Starr and Siverson, “Alliance and geopolitics.”

Andean Community of 2019, the last year in which the Court was able to carry out its activities as usual before the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. They conclude that most of the court's work has been focused on the interpretation of a single article, thus highlighting the need for redefining its scope.

Living in the information age poses challenges on and off the legal landscape. In this interconnected era, knowledge dissemination is not immune to geopolitical influences. Academia must navigate a delicate balance, resisting the imposition of one-sided narratives while fostering a truly global exchange of ideas. The article "Cryptocurrency and Its Nexus with Money Laundering and Terrorism under the Framework of FATF Recommendations" deals with the potential of cryptocurrencies for their exploitation in illicit activities and money laundering and delves into the roles played by international organizations actively engaged in combating such crimes.

In conclusion, as academia stands at the crossroads of a dynamic geopolitical landscape, the commitment to fairness becomes an ethical imperative.⁵ Navigating this terrain requires vigilance, ethical leadership, and a steadfast dedication to the principles that underpin scholarly inquiry. The editorial team at *Novum Jus* understands that only by upholding fairness can academia fulfill its role as a guardian of truth, contributing to a global discourse that transcends geopolitical boundaries and fosters a more equitable and enlightened world.

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⁵ Luis Germán Ortega Ruiz and Jairo Becerra, "La inteligencia artificial en la decisión jurídica y política," *Araucaria* 24, no. 49 (2022): 217-238, <https://dx.doi.org/10.12795/araucaria.2022.i49.10>.

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