

PRESENTATION

The A1 QUALIS/CAPES (Coordination for Improvement of Higher Education Personnel) qualification of the Ministry of Education officially certifies that the *Veredas do Direito* journal is considered one of the best scientific journals in Brazil.

This fact greatly cheers the scientific community of the Dom Helder Câmara Law School, located in Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais, especially the teachers and students of the Academic Master's Course in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, inducers of scientific studies of a quality that absurdly contribute to the production of knowledge for the realization of the Principle of the Ecologically Balanced Environment, enshrined in the Constitution of the Federative Republic of Brazil of 1988.

In this issue, Professors Alcides Francisco Antúnez Sánchez of the University of Granma (Cuba) and Lucas Guanoquiza Tello of the Technical University of Cotopaxi (Ecuador) analyze the instruments of environmental auditing, pointing out their emergence, purposes and legal regulation in the article "El Control Público Desde La Dimension Ambiental".

In the article "The Birth of the Right to Otherness in the City", Professors Émilien Vilas Boas Reis and Bruno Torquato de Oliveira Naves discuss the contribution of the Spanish Dominican Francisco de Vitória to the development of the relationship with the indigenous people during the period of the great navigations.

Analyzing post-2015 climate change, the professors Fernando Cardozo Fernandes Rei and Alcindo Fernandes Gonçalves of the Catholic University of Santos, and Professor Luciano Pereira de Souza of the Santa Cecília University present reflections on the individual contributions of each country - including Brazil - defined in the Agreement of Paris, in the article "Acordo de Paris: Reflexões e Desafios para o Regime Internacional de Mudanças Climáticas".

Professors Sérgio Ricardo Fernandes de Aquino and Neuro José Zambam, both of whom belong to the *Stricto Sensu* Post-Graduation Program of the Meridional University, present in the article "THE "COMMON HOME": FOR AN EPISTEMOLOGY OF CARE AND JUSTICE FOR LATIN AMERICA" a study on the metaphor of the "Common Home" present in the Encyclical *Laudato Si* as an epistemic vector of care, which inaugurated a new conception for the coexistence between Man and Nature in Latin America.

In the article "Fundamental Principles of Environmental Taxation", the Professor Itamar da Silva Santos Filho of the State University of Piauí,

and Professor Paulo Rangel Araújo Ferreira of the State University of Piauí, address the legal principles that underpin environmental taxation, emphasizing technical difficulties of the legal instruments and strategies for overcoming them.

The author Renato Braz Mehanna Khanis, Professor of the University of Santa Cecilia and the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, presents an analysis of the right to environmental protection, demonstrating its fundamentality and unavailability in the article “The Unavailability of Fundamental Law to the Protection of the Environment” .

The Professor of the Federal University of Pará and Promoter of Justice Eliane Cristina Pinto Moreira and the specialist in Business Law from the State University of Londrina, Leandro Barbalho Conde, propose an analysis of the setbacks caused by Law 13.123/2015, which defines access, use and sharing rules for benefits arising from the genetic heritage of biodiversity and its associated traditional knowledge.

In the article “Crisis of Rationality and Sustainability in the Fuel Market in the State of Paraíba”, the Master in Development and Environment at the Federal University of Paraíba, Ana Celecina Lucena da Costa Rangel, Professor and Coordinator of the *Stricto Sensu* Postgraduate Program In Legal Sciences of the Federal University of Paraíba, Belinda Pereira da Cunha, and the Master in Development and Environment by the Federal University of Paraíba, Professor Renan Aversari Câmara, present the main aspects of the production and consumption of gasoline and ethanol, especially in the State Of Paraíba, performing a counterpoint to the contemporary environmental crisis.

Tiago Vinicius Zanella, a doctorate student in international and european legal sciences at the Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa, also the vice-president of the Brazilian Institute of the Rights of the Sea (IBDMar), together with the professor of the School of Naval War, Ricardo Pereira Cabral, explore the use of the precaution principle on the international context, especially when applied to the protection of seas and oceans, in the article “THE APPLICATION OF THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: AN ANALYSIS OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA”.

In the article “THE INFLUENCE OF ANDEAN CONSTITUTIONALISM ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW AGROECOLOGICAL PARADIGM FOR LAW” the Professor of the Postgraduate Programs in Law of UNILASALLE and the Universidade Extremo Sul Catarinense, Antônio Carlos Wolkmer, and the Master Student by the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Maria Demaria Venâncio, outlined the influence and contributions of the new Latin American constitutionalism to the establishment of the agroecological paradigm.

The Professor of the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Paulo de Bessa Antunes, critically analyzes the recovery from ecological damages in Brazilian Law, pointing out nuances and differences between ecological damages and environmental damages in the article “The Recovery of Ecological Damage in Brazilian Law”.

The Professors of the University of Western Santa Catarina, Cristhian Magnus De Marco and Orides Mezzaroba, present in the article “The Human Right to Sustainable Development: historical and conceptual contours” the historical affirmation of the category “sustainable development” in international documents recognized by the Organization of United Nations, pointing to the refinement of the notion of development that went beyond the merely economic aspect.

In the article “Balance Between Socio-Environmental Responsibility and Business Economic Efficiency”, the Corporate Manager of Votorantim Energia, Grace Ladeira Garbaccio, Université Laval Professor Christophe Krolik, and the Socio-Institutional Nucleus Leader of the Renova Foundation, Ana Carolina de Moura Maciel, Discuss sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Exploring European international jurisprudence on the recognition of the right to the urban environment, Professor Marcelo Dias Varella and the Doctorate of the University Center of Brasilia, Mariane Morato Stival, present in the article “Urban Environment in European International Jurisprudence” the possibility of normative interactions between regional systems of protection of human rights in the theme of urban environmental quality of life.

So, dear reader, the Academic Master’s Course of Environmental Law and Sustainable Development of the Dom Helder Câmara Law School and the Editorial Team of the Veredas do Direito journal desire the readers an excellent reading, always hoping to live on an environmentally honored planet.

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