

INTRODUCTION

Revista Veredas do Direito – Direito Ambiental e Desenvolvimento Sustentável, the journal for the Doctorate and Master's Courses of Escola Superior Dom Helder Câmara is very happy to present society with another issue.

In 2019, Dom Helder – Law School, as we usually call our Institution celebrates 20 years from its opening. We provide a complete cycle of legal education, from a full-time Law Undergraduation Course to the conventional Bachelor Degree Course, together with Specialization, Master's and Doctorate Courses, and also a Post-Doctoral Internship for those Doctors who wish to experience working in an excellence-level Educational Institution.

Boasting Qualis A1 (the highest stratum at CAPES), this journal aims at selecting scientific articles from all countries of the world, in which researchers show the product of their look into Environmental Law and, in a broad way, in all the range of Sustainability matters.

In this issue, we have texts by scientists from Spain, Mexico and several Brazilian states from all the regions of the country.

With her article entitled "Environmental Protection and Public Participation: The Recent Developments in the International Arena and in Spain", Spanish Professor Carmen Plaza Martín of Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales de Toledo examines the evolution of participation of people from Spain and other countries in the development of policies aimed at the application of environmental protection norms.

Tania García López and Mayra Lizeth Gudiño Anaya, both Professors at Universidad Veracruzana, with their text "Proposal and Legal Bases for a Drafting of a Payment Program for Environmental Services for Sontecompan Lagoon, Mexico", presented a proposal for a Payment Program for Environmental Services. To achieve their goal, the authors explain the institution and point out that effective participation by the private sector is vital for the proper application of that environmental instrument.

Romeu Thomé and Luiz Gustavo Gonçalves Ribeiro, with the text "Decommissioning of Tailings Dams and the Mine Closure Plan as a Risk Mitigation Instruments in Mining" show the importance of implementing a

mine closure plan as a tool to prevent tragedies such as those in the Minas Gerais counties of Brumadinho and Mariana.

With the article “The Mining Landscape as a Building Block for a Sense of Belonging to the State of Minas Gerais”, Maraluce Maria Custódio and José Cláudio Junqueira Ribeiro explain the theme called “Landscape Law” as a fundamental element to guarantee to individuals a sense of belonging to their local community, especially with regard to mining towns.

From the state of Pará, Renã Margalho Silva and Eliane Cristina Pinto Moreira present the article “Ballast water and the Need for Effectiveness of Protection Rules for the Marine Biodiversity in the Amazonian Situation”, which show that ballast water can influence the biological balance of native species, spread diseases, and produce economic, health and social impacts.

With the article “The Employer’s Strict Liability in Light of the Constitutional Protection Granted to the Workplace Environment”, Pastora do Socorro Teixeira Leal and Igor de Oliveira Zwicker, from the Universidade Federal do Pará, argue that employers’ responsibility for issues in the workplace environment in all its aspects is strict in tort, thus waiving proof of willful misconduct or guilt.

From Mato Grosso do Sul, Antônio Hilário Aguilera Urquiza and Adriana de Oliveira Rocha present the article “The Environmental Disaster of Mariana and the Krenaks of the Doce River”, where they elaborate on the largest environmental disaster in Brazil and the consequences for the Krenak people, who have an ancestral connection with the Doce River and were greatly afflicted by the tragedy.

Mariana Barbosa Cirne, from the Federal District, wrote the text “Dogmatic approach to the Environmental Law”, in which she presents her dogmatic and zetetic concerns about constitutional protection to the environment and the sense of an Environmental Rule of Law based on Theodor Viehweg.

From Santa Catarina, Joana Stelzer, Everton das Neves Gonçalves and Keite Wieira, with the article “The WTO Understanding about the ‘Dolphin Safe’ Certification in Tuna Fishing: The US Tuna II Case”, aimed to analyze the US Tuna II case, tried by the WTO Dispute Settlement System to identify the role of the Dolphin Safe certification imposed by the United States on tuna fishing to protect dolphins.

Isabela Moreira do Nascimento Domingos and Luiz Alberto Blanchet,

from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná, wrote the paper entitled “Compliance Programs and Company Responsibility in the Post-Consumption Stage of Electronic Waste”, demonstrating that compliance programs work before the commitment of a crime via top-down supervision and the implementation of a new ethical culture of social and environmental responsibility for organizations, which involve respect for human beings and the environment.

From Paraíba, José Irivaldo Alves Oliveira Silva and Elizandra Sarana Lucena Barbosa, with the text “Management of Preserved Territories: Far Beyond Nature Preservation”, aimed at analyzing the importance of preserving territories and land stretches in Brazil and Argentina based on a work developed with Universidad Nacional Del Litoral, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina and Universidade Federal de Campina Grande, having as a research question elements for an urban planning focused on disaster prevention through environmental protection.

From Maranhão, Delmo Mattos da Silva and Saile Azevedo da Cruz give us a study called “Constitutional Existential Minimum and Socio-Environmental Vulnerability in the Scope of Compulsory Displacements”, which analyzed the effectiveness of reaching the existential minimum in a community resettled because of the deployment of Thermal Power Plant of Itaqui Port, showing that such a possibility will only be realized through the application of non-discriminatory public policies that can reduce social and environmental vulnerability.

“Public Policies and Environmental Protection: Analysis of Environmental Legislation Applicable to a River Basin in Southeast Brazil” is the title of the text by Fernando Henrique Machado, Felipe Hashimoto Fengler and Gerson Araújo de Medeiros, from São Paulo, where they demonstrate that in recent decades there has been a marked economic and population growth in the São Paulo watershed, causing numerous externalities, especially those related to environmental degradation.

From Rio de Janeiro, Renata Souza, Giuliana Franco Leal and Fabianne Manhães Maciel present the study entitled “Participation of Society in Protected Areas: An Outlook from Brazilian Environmental Legislation”, where they analyze Brazilian legislation related to protected areas in order to understand how the principle of participation is inserted in these documents, by means of the document analysis technique.

With these texts, esteemed reader, the Doctorate and Master's Courses in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development of Escola Superior Dom Helder Câmara aim to disseminate scientific knowledge, hoping that we can all be instrumental in building an economically and environmentally and environmentally healthy planet.

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