

EDITORIAL

(English)

Twenty years ago, the still young Department of Law of UFV had only twelve years of existence. It was a young Department, with a young Bachelor's Degree in Law, which was still making efforts to establish itself and the Course itself as quality references before UFV itself, the communities *viçosense* and the region, and which yearned to become a true space for the construction of juridical science.

Anchored in this spirit, the then Head of the Department of Law, prof. José Geraldo Campos Gouvêia, highlighted a small group of teachers - composed of professors Élcio Cruz de Almeida, Fabiana Rodrigues Barletta, Fabiana de Menezes Soares, Guilherme Nacif de Faria, Luciene Rinaldi Colli, Regel Antônio Ferrazza and Sylvia Maria Machado Vendramini - to, under his presidency, start the so-called *Projeto Revista*.

A project started, in the words of Professor José Geraldo himself, collected from the Editorial written for the first issue of the first volume of the *Revista de Direito*, published the following year, 2004, not by "[...] pride and meaninglessness, but absolutely aware of the responsibility that it means to present, in an accredited vehicle, the juridical thought that is elaborated in the university environment of the State of Minas Gerais and that one wishes to see projected nationally and internationally" (translated) (2004).

Well, after twenty years, we can safely say that that simple project has achieved its objectives. After all, until the moment before the launch of this edition, there were no less than 29 issues in the *Revista de Direito*, totaling 337 articles, all of considerable excellence.

To celebrate this milestone and, at the same time, keep the memory alive, the editorial team prepared an additional special issue of *Revista de Direito* to be published in this year of 2023. I explain: in addition to the regular issues, composed of unpublished articles selected by our body of referees for release at the end of the first and second semester, it was decided to publish an additional issue composed of relevant works that have been published by the *Revista de Direito* throughout its twenty years of existence.

A way found to, in addition to celebrating this milestone and honoring all who have been part of this journey, including editors, members of the editorial board, *ad hoc* referees and authors, we also remember many of the theses and juridical discussions that were presented - sometimes initially presented - through the pages of *Revista de Direito*.

Even because, until a few years ago, the *Revista de Direito*, as our regular readers well know, was published only in its printed version, limited to a few hundred copies. Copies that appear in the collection of several libraries in Brazil and even outside Brazil. And that, thanks to the effort of the servers of the *Revista*, a few years ago, these numbers published only in print, were digitized and their files are on the website of the *Revista*.

Even so, the few hundred copies of these numbers that were distributed only to libraries of law schools, judicial bodies, prosecutors and public prosecutors, to the authors and a few more people, on the one hand, and, on the other, to the simple digitization of these same specimens may not be sufficient for the diffusion of the juridical-scientific knowledge contained therein, after all, texts may not return as a result of the content search processes on the websites of search engines commonly used today.

Therefore, the republication of these works acquires even greater importance, since it makes possible and easier their access in this digital world. This is in line with the challenge launched in our inaugural issue mentioned above: to allow the juridical thought developed in the university environment of the State of Minas Gerais to be projected nationally and internationally.

To this end, the republishing of the works that are part of this special issue of the *Revista de Direito* have been dedicatedly translated by our team of translators into English, in order to maximise the projection of the authors' ideas beyond the limits of our native language. And those who may be interested in accessing the version originally written in Portuguese will find no barrier, since each published text mentions the number and volume of the *Revista de Direito* in which it was published.

This special volume includes the following articles: *Freedom of speech and hate speech in the democratic state of law*, authored by Alessandro Gonçalves Paixão, Debora Pereira Silva and Nuria Micheline Meneses Cabral;

Gadamer: existential hermeneutics and health, by Alysson Leandro Mascaro; *Naturalization of inequality in Brazil: a dialogue with Carl Schmitt, Walter Benjamin and Giorgio Agamben*, written by Bruna da Penha de Mendonça Coelho and Maria da Piedade Gonçalves de Oliveira; *Vidas Secas and the relations of rural degrading work in contemporary Brazil: transdisciplinarity between law and literature*, by Ciro Antonio das Mercês Carvalho and Lílian de Brito Santos; *Integral protection and the counseling of vulnerabilities of children and adolescents*, authored by Danielle Maria Espezim dos Santos and Josiane Rose Petry Veronese; *Joint custody or alternating custody: the analysis of Brazilian Law no. 13,058/2014 and the doubt about the institute that became mandatory*, by George Andre Lando and Bruno Leonardo Pereira Lima Silva; *The coronelism of victor nunes leal and the conservative modernization: initial considerations*, by Juliana Leme Faleiros and Silvio Almeida; *Children's rights under the prism of fraternity and care*, written by Leilane Serratine Grubba and Mayara Pellenz; *Rebuilding the social function of contracts: is it possible to come up with a system in which the smallest minority have an effective custody?*, by Nelson Rosenvald and Wagner Inácio Dias; and *The invention of rights and the racialization of heritage: the 1988 Constitution and the deconstruction of the nation's monocultural monolith*, written by Paulo Fernando Soares Pereira.

Once again, we wish you all a great read!

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