

With great pleasure we present this issue of the journal Pensamiento Americano. Since 2008, Pensamiento Americano has contributed to the increase in scientific research, striving for the quality of discussions developed by renowned researchers in their respective areas. On this issue, it is not the exception. In its twelfth volume, the journal set out topics that dialogue with the main contemporary dilemmas: environmental issues, legal discussions, gender violence, new information technologies and labour conditions, education, armed conflicts, suicidal behaviors, intergenerational differences, globalization and alternative justice, artistic and cultural aspects are the issues that make up the analytical framework of this edition.

The paper of William Yeffer Vivas Lloreda, "Mining and forestry in protected territories in the Republic of Colombia", opens this edition by analyzing one of the main contemporary environmental problems: the intervention of economic and irregular groups with legal and illegal provisioning activities of the natural resources that mitigate the results to the ethno-territoriality and cultural identity of people from Chocó. The report analyzes the judicial and administrative actions of the State in defense of this environmental asset.

The area of culture was contemplated in the work of Maria das Graças Freitas dos Santos and Nilton Rogério Marcondes on "a virtualização do ensino superior de ciências contábeis: implementação de atividades complementares culturais avaliadas por habilidades" which deals with the proposal for the implementation of Activities Cultural Complementars in the Bachelor of Accounting Sciences course in the virtual modality in a Brazilian university. The paper presents an interesting discussion about the possibilities of alignment of competencies and skills in complementary cultural activities in the reference matrix of the Bachelor of Accounting course.

"The public auction with a single bidder: the legal nature, its purposes and implications" is the discussion of Fredy Andrés Pautt Barceló and Yasep Aristóteles Rentería Correa based on the following problem: how does the existence of a single bidder constitute, or not, a violation of the right to free competition. The paper continues in the discussion regarding how the public auction could be validated from the legal nature, its purposes and implications as a product of a legal impact on public procurement.

María Acale Sánchez addresses gender violence in the sociocultural perspective, one of the most salient and present issues in contemporary societies. Sanchez argues in her research "Criminal treatment of gender violence against women: special reference to sexual violence," the patriarchal structure solidifies a specific modality of this violence: the sexual violence of men against women, in which they rest discourses and male practices that treat female bodies as objects for obtaining male sexual pleasure. The author frames gender violence as a criminal phenomenon, analyzes the differences between the legal systems of Spanish and Colombian criminal codes, and the solutions adopted in each of them to address the problem of gender violence.

"Safety and Health Conditions at Work of Teleworkers: Systematic Review" is the topic of Luz Marina Estupiñán García, Henry Villamil Guerrero and Ericka Alexandra Jiménez Rodríguez. The article exposes the state of art in the Scopus, Redalyc and Scielo data bases with the descriptors: telecommuting; health and legislation. The topic of greatest interest was the analysis of labour conditions, the advantages and disadvantages of working and personal life contextualized in the discussion about the evolution of telecommuting in contemporary times, especially in Colombia, Spain, Mexico, Venezuela and Argentina. Considering the new global and local scenarios about education, Ana Zulema Castro Salazar, Fanny Cadme Galabay and Ana Lucia Naspud Bonete display the results of a descriptive, analytical-synthetic and triangular investigation in the article "Leadership management and values in the education". The article defends an educational proposal based on values. The results identify some weaknesses in the educational system from internal management, non-execution of ongoing training projects and the absence of an environment conducive to the practice of universal values in the school community.

The article "The environment as a victim of the armed conflict in the department of Chocó" by Edwin Samir Asprilla Panesso, Hames Yanier Lozano Urrego, Rafael Bechara Palacio and Ricardo Emiro Ledezma, casts a brief look at the universe of armed conflict in the department of Chocó Colombia from the perspective of the environment as a victim of the conflict. Based on the review of national and international doctrine, jurisprudence and legal norms, the article contributes to the analysis of the environment as an autonomous human right.

The indices and the suicidal idea practiced by adolescents are problematized by Milton Patricio Guallpa and Sergio Constantino Ochoa Encalada in the article "Cornisa: suicidal behaviors in adolescents of the tenth year of basic education", which addresses the delicate issue of the growth of suicidal behaviors in recent years by teenagers. The paper discusses an investigation about suicidal behavior in students of the tenth year of basic education of an Educational Unit that presents a high rate of suicidal ideas. The authors consider suicide as a fact of multifactorial causes involving biological, psychological and social factors.

"Intergenerational differences in the sense of community between a group of children and elderly people on the smallholding of Cujacal in the city of San Juan de Pasto – Colombia" is the article by Jonnathan Harvey Narváz and Edith Lourdes Hernández. From the point of view of community realities anchored in the intergenerational perspective, the article contributes to the discussions of the recognition of differences and subjective confluences between older adults and children of the community of Cujacal Centro. Focus groups and in-depth interviews with children and older adults were applied. The results show differences and confluences that determine diverse perceptions of the sense of community by children and old people, whose individual and collective experiences are explored in the levels of belonging, integration, influence and emotional connection of individuals and their communities.

Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms set in the countless conflicts of the globalized world is the subject of the article by Alfredo Islas Colín and Oscar Pérez Baxin entitled "Conflicts and daily life". Alternative justice and self-compositional methods to solve conflicts are analyzed in a theoretical review that goes beyond simplistic, linear and positivist approaches to conflict. From the project "Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in Tabasco", the paper is an invitation to a culture of peace and human rights.

The article "The Singapore Method: reflection on the teaching - learning process of mathematics", by Luis Gabriel Turizo Martínez, Carlos Alejandro Carreño Colina and Tito José Crissien Borrero, is a bibliographic review of the concepts of learning, skills and didactics of Mathematics under the approach of the Singapore Method referring to three edges: metacognition, mathematical skills and student motivation. The article compares what is proposed by the Colombian educational system for the teaching of mathematics from the curricular guidelines that can facilitate the understanding of teaching strategies in the teaching of mathematics.

Laura Salcedo Díaz investigates the "Critical expressions represented in the speeches of films from the late 60s and 70s: 2001, A Space Odyssey, Planet of the Apes and Solaris." With great mastery, Díaz contextualizes and analyzes the images of each of these productions, intertwining their speeches, characters, landscapes and situations that manifest alternating spaces, times and contexts with their own dynamics. Indeed, Díaz has achieved a good synthesis among cinematographic works as a tool for historical analysis, has relieved the concerns generated by technological advances that endanger some traditions as well as the concerns of Western youth in the field of Counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s.

This volume ends with Mariela Vargas Prentt's article on "State Agents and punishable commission default behaviors", in which it examines the reasons that underpin the State Age guarantee position in consideration of their possible omisive behaviors which become typical results that injure or endanger the protected legal assets. Prentt made a historical tour from the individualistic liberal State as well as in the field of International Human Rights Law, pointing out the complicity of the State in certain cases of omission. The author discusses the conceptual framework of article 20 of the Colombian Criminal Code.

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