

## EDITORIAL

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It is with satisfaction that we present to the legal and academic community another issue of the Journal of Institutional Studies, conceived for the special purpose of discussing and promoting Institutional Theory. This Journal participates of a moment of renovation of the Faculdade Nacional Direito, priory structural and administratively depreciated. Thanks to the untiring and relentless dedication of faculty, students and administrative staff and the leadership of Professor Flavio Alves Martins many advances were obtained.

The Law School Faculty has been significantly strengthened in recent years particularly because of the admission of over 50 permanent professors, which directly reflects in a better qualification of students who might occupy important positions in the labor market, academia and national leadership. From such substantial changes, certifications such as the seal of excellence of the Brazilian Bar Association, received in the last five years, and the grade received from the Ministry of Education and Culture, recently increased to 5, are only consequences of the hard work of professors and the yield of more motivated students with more professional and academic opportunities. We can also mention other achievements, such as the logistic and structural renewal of the campus, the expansion of Carvalho de Mendonça Library's collection and the approval of a more modern Course Plan, complex and comprehensive. It is in this context of complete renovation that the Journal of Institutional Studies emerged and today publishes its second issue.

In Volume 2, Number 1, we announce with deep enthusiasm a dossier drawn up around one of the greatest living theorist of Constitutional Law, a figure that inspires generations of jurists. Through this dossier, we hope to promote a debate involving major theorists over central issues of contemporary constitutionalism.

The *Dossier in Honor of Peter Häberle*, coordinated by Professor Fábio Corrêa Souza de Oliveira, is opened with an unpublished article of the honoree himself, whose objectives are, on the one hand, briefly expose the framework of his major works within his fertile literature and the constitutional thought and, on the other, highlighting their relevance before the problems that currently challenges the Constitutional States. It is, as Häberle own titled it, a rich *Academic Review*, published in bilingual form, providing the original manuscript in German and its version for the Portuguese, carefully produced by Professor Enzo Baiocchi.

The dossier includes the participation of one of the most important diffusers of Häberle's work in Brazil, a merit recognized by the honoree himself in his text. Continuing this immeasurable contribution, the Supreme Court Justice and Professor Gilmar Ferreira Mendes honor us while explain, through our journal, the *Influence of Peter Häberle in Brazilian Constitutionalism*.

The international debate around Häberle returns to the Old Continent, and the Professor of Constitutional Law of the University of Granada, Miguel Azpitarte-Sánchez, brings his respectful reflections on the honored author thought's applicability to severe contemporary crises that have particularly affected the European Union. At a time politically and socially troubled, marked by the historical fact of "BREXIT", it seems to be extremely timely to relate these crises to the contributions of *Peter Häberle in the XXI Century*.

We close the debate returning to Häberle's *alma mater*. The fourth article published in the dossier is authored by Oliver Lepsius, academic who succeeded the honored Professor in the Chair of Public Law at the University of Bayreuth. In his article, Lepsius comments the *Academic Review* and discussed sensitive from the perspective of legal education and judicial review in Germany.

In addition to the organized dossier, the Journal has 10 scientific articles contributing to the development of institutional theory from prospects originated in different areas and sub-areas of knowledge such as Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Economic Law, History of Law, Legal Hermeneutics, Political Economy, Political Science and Political Philosophy, using the most diverse analytical methods. We had the great pleasure of counting with the participation of researchers reporting the results of their projects in a consistent and original way. We thanks to all the reviewers who worked herein and, through their rigorous and attentive ratings, allowed the improvement of manuscripts disclosed in this issue.

Soon after the scientific articles, readers will find an interesting North American essay, translated by members of the Editorial Team, about the importance of Jury Court's composition in serious crimes. Similarly, the reader will be well informed with the critical approaches of two jurisprudential notes. The first deals with the precedents of the Brazilian Supreme Court in relation to a specific issue of Tax Law and the disparity between the criteria applied, while the second deals with the case law related to indebtedness that affects the consumer societies.

We are extremely pleased to publish this second edition, which includes a variety of original, highly qualified and related to our editorial line articles.

The Journal of Institutional Studies thanks to the professionalism and dedication of Executive Editors Henrique Rangel, Igor De Lazari and Carina Castro, indispensable for the Journal to achieve its goals.  
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