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The Journal of City Law, classified by MEC / CAPES as Qualis A1, Law, and registered on the Web of Science, is pleased to inform that we will publish in this issue the article “How to save the Amazon: why the forest has more value standing than cut down”, by the Minister of the Supreme Federal Court - STF, Luís Alberto Barroso and professor Patrícia Perrone Campos Mello.

This article exposes the importance of the Amazon in the global ecosystem, the retreat and advance of deforestation of the forest located in Brazilian territory, as well as the dynamics of escalating environmental crimes, with emphasis on illegal logging, land grabbing and unauthorized mining, including in indigenous reserves. The text points to government public policies that have been successful in containing the destruction of the forest and the setback that they have suffered in recent times. In the final part, the forest exploitation models adopted so far are described, with limited economic and social results, and the alternative model that has been proposed is presented, combining the Fourth Industrial Revolution with the forest bioeconomy. Also presented are the contributions that international actors can offer to the preservation of the forest, through financing (REDD +), as well as the formulation of demands from consumer and financing markets for activities developed in the Legal Amazon.

We publish in this issue the article “New National Financing For Housing: Characteristics and implementation of the UVA Mortgage Loans in Rosario” by Cintia Ariana Barenboim, Architect (FAPyD-UNR), Master in Urban Planning - Regional (FADU-UBA) and PhD in Geography and urban orientation (FILO-UBA), post-doctorate in socio-spatial segregation and real estate valuation (CURDIUR-UNR), Assistant Researcher at CONICET, Full Professor of Planning and Urbanism (FCEIA-UNR), Socio-anthropological Approach to Habit, Analysis of Real Estate Market and Investment Strategies (FA-UAI), Director and co-director of research work based at the Center for High Studies in Architecture (UAI), Secretariat of Science and Technology (UNR) at Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

This article “New National Financing For Housing: Characteristics and implementation of the UVA Mortgage Loans in Rosario” analyzes that one of the biggest problems in Argentina is the difficulty of access to housing for the middle classes. Although mortgage lending may be a solution, they did not

have a large share, representing only 1.5% of GDP in 2012. In response, the “Pro.Cre.Ar Program” was launched in the same year, later limited by the new government that created in 2016 another financing system based on the “Acquisitive Value Unit” (UVA), updated with the Reference Stabilization Coefficient, governed by the general inflation index.

In this context, the main objective of the article is to analyze the new public financing system of UVA to obtain a house in Rosario. The methodology focuses on analyzing the content of written documents (investigations, newspaper articles, official documents) and conducting semi-structured interviews.

The results show that, at the beginning, there were no problems, rates were low (similar to those for rent) and public banks had a bigger role, but since 2018, with accelerated inflation, currency devaluation, and the consequent rate increases interest and UVA and fixed rates, demand was reduced, with virtually no requests.

As in the numbers previously published, in the present volume 12, number 02, we published 16 (sixteen) unpublished articles, being 02 articles by foreign teachers: the aforementioned “New National Financing For Housing: Characteristics and implementation of the UVA Mortgage Loans in Rosario” by Cintia Ariana Barenboim, Architect (FAPyD-UNR), Master in Urban Planning - Regional (FADU-UBA) and PhD in Geography and Urban Orientation (FILO-UBA), post-doctorate in socio-spatial segregation and real estate valuation (CURDIUR-UNR), Assistant Researcher at CONICET, Full Professor of Planning and Urbanism (FCEIA-UNR), Socio-anthropological Approach to Housing, Analysis of the Real Estate Market and Investment Strategies (FA-UAI), Director and co-director of research works based at the Center for High Studies in Architecture (UAI), Secretariat of Science and Technology (UNR) at Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and “Right to Health of People With Mental Os Psychosocial Disabilities in Mexico” by Luis Enrique Concepción Montiel, Doctor of Political Science and Sociology from the Faculty of Political Science and Sociology at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), Master in Public Administration from INAP of Spain and Master in Legal Sciences at the Faculty of Law of the UABC and Jonathan Saguchi Chavez, Master in Legal Sciences and Law Degree from the Autonomous University of Baja California, Mexico.

In our Essays Section we publish 04 (four) unpublished essays, two of which are from foreign professors: “Private Property and 'Public City' in Italy. A (Long and) Still Incomplete Path ” and “Critical commentary: urban growth and access to opportunities: A challenge for Latin America from the ADC-Development Bank of Latin America ”.

In this issue of the journal, we maintained our body of our referees / reviewers, from countless states in the country and also from many foreign countries, in a total of more than 420 reviewers.

We also publish, for the immediate consultation of readers, the links to the various national and international indexes of journals and periodicals where our Journal of City Law is indexed.

We thank, as always, all readers, authors, reviewers and collaborators for their collaboration and trust and for the always excellent work done. We always remember that the submissions to the Journal of City Law are permanent and must be made through the system, directly on the Journal's page.

Good reading to all!

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