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The Journal of City Law, a journal classified by MEC/CAPES as Qualis A1, Law and registered in the Web of Science, in this number 01, volume 14, of 2022, is pleased to inform that one of the main indices of internationalization and visibility of a scientific journal in different scientific databases of international scope is the one calculated by the Information Matrix for Journal Analysis – MIAR of the University of Barcelona, Spain, which calculates the ICDS (Composite Index of Secondary Diffusion). This composite index is calculated from 05 global citation databases, 08 global multidisciplinary databases, 95 specialized databases and 07 international journal evaluation databases.

Regarding the ICDS index, it is worth mentioning that it is an indicator that shows the visibility of a scientific journal in different scientific databases of international scope. A high ICDS means that the Journal is present in different sources of internationally relevant information around the world. The index has a maximum value of 11 (eleven) points, which means that the Journal is disseminated internationally.

Our Journal of City Law, now in 2021, was reclassified by the system of the University of Barcelona, Spain, as a journal of international reach and disseminated in the information systems of world journals, reaching the good mark of the ICDS index of 9.7.

This internationalization index is one of the best indices achieved by a Brazilian Legal Journal and not far from Brazilian scientific journals from other better placed areas (Revista Dados, etc.), demonstrating the exogenous and internationalization of our Journal.

In this issue we publish the article “Groups of victims and access to justice in Mexico” by Mónica Natalia Martínez Mejía, Doctor and Master in Legal Studies, Degree in Law from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, and Fátima Esther Martínez Mejía, Master in Humanities and Degree in Law from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico. She is a PhD candidate in Latin American Studies at the same university and is a professor at the undergraduate level. In this article, the authors analyze the impact of victim groups on access to justice, decision-making and the reduction of insecurity in Mexico. For this, it is imperative to review article 17 of the Constitution of Mexico in relation to the prohibition that no one can do justice for himself and, in which the right to justice administered by the courts is guaranteed, not admitting exceptions under any circumstances. From an approach to human rights through the analytical method and documentary research, a reflection is made on organized civil society as a political subject, which has often replaced the state functions of searching and locating the disappeared.



It is intended to know whether, within the limits of participatory democracy, citizens can access justice horizontally and thus influence the public life of the country. The answer is in the affirmative, the action of the groups of victims offers commendable results that mark a path for the defense and promotion of human rights, the rights of victims and the visibility of the disappeared as a result of the failure of the Mexican State in terms of public security.

As in the previously published numbers, in the current volume 14, number 01, we published 20 (twenty) unpublished articles, 05 of which by foreign professors: the aforementioned "Groups of victims and access to justice in Mexico" by Mónica Natalia Martínez Mejía, Doctor and Master in Legal Studies, Bachelor in Law from the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, and by Fátima Esther Martínez Mejía, Master in Humanities and Bachelor in Law from the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México. Doctoral candidate in Latin American Studies at the same university and professor at the undergraduate level, Mexico; "Citizen political participation in Michoacán" by Yurisha Andrade Morales, PhD in law with Cum Laude honors from the Complutense University of Madrid. PhD in Law from the Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo del Estado de Michoacán. Master and Bachelor of Law from the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo. Coordinator of the Masters in Constitutional Law at the Universidad Latina de América and Professor at the same university, as well as at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Mexico; "Traces and portraits from the online press about the use of information and communication technologies as tools to support organized crime in Roraima, Brazil" by Maria João Leote de Carvalho, Researcher at the Interdisciplinary Center for Social Sciences - CICS, New University of Lisbon and Consultant for the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Children and Youth at Risk Program. Member of the International Advisory Group (IAG), Portugal and Janaine Voltolini de Oliveira, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Center for Social Sciences, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, New University of Lisbon, Portugal; "Development, Governance and Resilience. A global vision in the post COVID-19 era", by Maria Fátima Pinho de Oliveira, PhD in Public International Law, with Mention in Human Rights (ULAC). Master and Specialist in Criminal Law (USM). Lawyer (USM). Associate Professor at the Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences of Simón Bolívar University. (USB), Venezuela and "Money laundering in Tijuana, Mexico (2000-2020)" by Zulia Yanzadig Orozco Reynoso, Full-time Researcher, Institute of Social Research, Autonomous University of Baja California. Mexicali, Mexico.



In our Essays section we published 05 (five) unpublished essays, two of them about the right to the city: "City law's autonomy and importance" and "The right to sustainable cities in Brazilian legal system and the path to rational urbanization".

In this issue of the Journal, we kept our body of reviewers, from numerous states in the country and also from many foreign countries, in a total of more than 420 reviewers.

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

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

Good reading to all!

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