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The Journal of City Law, indexed in the Web of Science and Google Scholar with an H5 median of 14.0, with a quarterly periodicity, in volume 16, number 02, 2024, is pleased to announce that our Journal has been classified by MIAR - Information Matrix for the Analysis of Journals of the University of Barcelona as a highly internationalized Journal, being indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (Clarivate), vLex DOAJ, Legal Source (EBSCO), Legal Collection (EBSCO), and internationally evaluated in the Directory of Open Access Journals.

The Journal is also pleased to publish the article “Ecological ICMS: an analysis of the socioeconomic and environmental reflexes in the municipalities of the Ribeira Valley in the state of São Paulo, Brazil” by Luiz Panhoca and Josele Nunes Ferreira.

The article “Ecological ICMS: an analysis of the socioeconomic and environmental reflexes in the municipalities of the Ribeira Valley in the state of São Paulo, Brazil” analyzes that the Ecological ICMS (ICMS-E) is a Brazilian mechanism for ecological fiscal transfer that encourages municipalities to engage in environmental conservation practices. In the state of São Paulo, the municipalities that received the highest ICMS-E amounts are located in the Ribeira Valley region, which is known for its ecological diversity but also for its precarious socioeconomic conditions, evidenced by low municipal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita indicators. This research aimed to analyze the relationship between the environmental and social conditions with ICMS-E revenue in municipalities of the Ribeira Valley in São Paulo. It is a descriptive, documentary, and quantitative study. The sample consisted of municipalities from the Ribeira Valley region in São Paulo. Descriptive statistics, multiple linear regression, and the Student's t-test were used for analysis. The study period spanned from 2010 to 2020. The results indicated that the increase in ICMS-E transfers did not lead to a significant increase in the municipalities' forest coverage. Regarding the social aspect, there was evidence that the increase in the ICMS-E transfer amount did not practically affect the municipal GDP. These results highlight the need to reconsider the criteria and effectiveness of the ecological fiscal transfers of ICMS-E in the Ribeira Valley region.

Similarly to previous issues, in the current volume 16, number 02, 2024, we publish 16 (sixteen) original articles, of which 04 (four) are foreign articles or from Brazilian professors working at universities abroad: *Human Ecology and Civilizational Change: Reflections on the Right to Life*; the aforementioned *Ecological ICMS: an analysis of the socioeconomic and environmental reflexes in the municipalities of the Ribeira Valley in the state of São Paulo, Brazil*; *The City and Human Rest: A Juridical-Philosophical Discussion* and *IPTU as an instrument for promoting sustainable development: An analysis in the light of Smart Cities*.

In our *Essays* section, we publish 02 (two) essays on public policies: “The Right to Housing of Family-leading Women Who Benefit From the PMCMV in Curitiba (Pr), Brazil” and “Land Conflicts and



Risk: Forced Removals as a Risk Factor in Informal Urban Settlements and Land Regularization in Disaster Risk Areas”.

In this issue of the Journal, we maintain our body of evaluators from various states across the country and from many foreign countries, with a total of over 420 evaluators.

We also provide immediate access for readers to the links of various national and international journals and periodicals indexers where our Journal of City Law.

We sincerely thank all our readers, authors, evaluators, and collaborators for their continued support and excellent work. We always remind our readers that submissions to the *Revista de Direito da Cidade* are open and should be made directly through the Journal’s submission system.

Good reading to all!

Mauricio Mota - Editor of Journal of City Law

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