



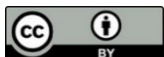
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We are also pleased to publish the article *“The Manifestations of the Commons in Brazilian Law: Discussions on the Public-Private Dichotomy, Considered from Public Spaces”* by Virgínia Totti Guimarães.

The article *“The Manifestations of the Commons in Brazilian Law: Discussions on the Public-Private Dichotomy, Considered from Public Spaces”* explores how the concept of the commons is reflected in Brazilian law, contributing to the discussion on the public-private dichotomy. Commons are understood by legal scholars as political and constitutional instruments that directly fulfill collective needs and fundamental rights, based on principles of solidarity and non-exclusion. This debate has a significant impact on Brazilian law, even though the category itself is not yet explicitly recognized. The article contributes to discussions about reducing the boundary between public and private law, as well as the need to develop legal instruments that counteract market-driven logic, which often imposes restrictions or limits on fundamental rights. It also highlights the importance of reestablishing participatory decision-making mechanisms. The article examines the ownership of public-use assets and the concept of primary public interest, along with key issues related to diffuse goods, particularly environmental concerns. Using a logical-inductive methodology and a bibliographic review, the study questions whether the current Brazilian legal framework provides adequate instruments for maintaining and preserving public spaces or if new legal models are necessary to achieve these goals.

As in previous issues, in this volume 16, issue 02, 2024, we have published 13 (thirteen) original articles, all written by PhD professors.

In our *Essays Section*, we present two essays on public policies: *“Strategic Master Plans of the Municipality of São Paulo and the Promotion of Urban Agriculture in São Paulo”* and *“Smart Cities Without Slums”*.

In this issue, we have maintained our extensive network of reviewers, consisting of over 420 evaluators from various states in Brazil and many other countries.

Additionally, we provide immediate access to links for various national and international journal indexing platforms where the *Journal of City Law* is indexed.

We sincerely thank all our readers, authors, reviewers, and contributors for their trust and collaboration, as well as for their consistently excellent work. We remind you that submissions to the



Journal of City Law are open on a rolling basis and must be made through the journal's online submission system.

Good reading to all!

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