

EDITOR'S NOTE

Volume 6, Issue 2 of the *Revista Ibérica do Direito* reaffirms the journal's commitment to a critical and contemporary legal reflection, focused on the major structural challenges of our time. In a context marked by technological transformations, the reconfiguration of the world of work, environmental crisis, and a growing demand for social justice, the studies gathered in this issue offer a plural approach, articulating sustainable development, the Rule of Law, global governance, and the protection of fundamental rights.

The issue opens with an analysis of innovation and infrastructure as drivers of decent work and economic growth, based on an intersectoral reading of Sustainable Development Goals 8 and 9, in an article developed by Alberto de Moraes Papaléo Paes and Paulo Roberto Batista da Costa Júnior. By examining the articulation between public policies, technological modernization, and productive inclusion, the authors highlight the evidence that economic development is only sustainable when anchored in solid institutional foundations and guided by the promotion of human dignity.

The reflection on discretion as a legally limited power places the foundations of the Rule of Law back at the center of the debate, in an article by Professor António Francisco de Sousa, a renowned Portuguese scholar. In times of expanded state competences and increasing decision-making complexity, it is reaffirmed that administrative action must remain bound by legality, rationality, and judicial review, as essential safeguards against arbitrariness.

Within the framework of the 2030 Agenda, Flávia Ribeiro Gomes and Michele Mendes discuss human flourishing and substantive justice as an analysis of the structural conditions that hinder the effective realization of capabilities. By identifying institutional and social barriers, the study invites the overcoming of historical inequalities and the construction of public policies guided by criteria of equity and inclusion.

The theme of responsible governance occupies a prominent place through the discussion of human rights protection in global value chains and the role of corporate due diligence, in a study by Juliana Lopes. The author analyzes the consolidation of corporate accountability mechanisms, which emerges as a central element for the construction of a more ethical global economic order committed to international standards of protection.

The Italian author Federico Lubian debates how inclusion takes on specific contours when questioning models of sports governance and opportunities guided by ESG criteria, especially in the

tension between inclusivity and specialization. Subsequently, Lorenza Proia addresses the protection of persons with disabilities within labor relations—between the prohibition of discrimination and the obligation of reasonable accommodation—while Stefano Corso examines a similar connection in the field of the right to education of children with disabilities, highlighting the role of civil liability as an instrument for the effective implementation of fundamental rights.

Professor Marco Mocella presents an important article on the responsibility of transnational corporations and the new reforms on the subject within the European Union.

The environmental dimension permeates this issue with normative and ethical depth. The Italian author Matteo Bicchiri incorporates the concept of environmental justice as an expression of care for creation, calling upon Law to assume intergenerational responsibility. Subsequently, another Italian author, Remigio Graziani, explores the theme of agrivoltaics, which emerges as an innovative proposal capable of harmonizing environmental protection and economic development, demonstrating that sustainability and progress can be conceived in a complementary manner.

Transformations in the world of work and in the digital sphere are also analyzed by the Italian author Simone Caponetti, through a reinterpretation of the right to strike and forms of conflict in the era of technological platforms. Finally, the social right to mobility is examined by the Italian scholar Stefania Pedrabissi within a renewed normative context, highlighting its centrality for the exercise of other fundamental rights and for the construction of more inclusive cities.

This issue of the *Revista Ibérica do Direito* invites the reader to an integrated reflection on development, human rights, sustainability, and governance. The works gathered here demonstrate that Law remains an essential instrument in mediating conflicts, limiting power, and promoting a more just, inclusive society committed to present and future generations.

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