

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Revista Ibérica do Direito is pleased to present Volume 7, Issue 1 (2026), bringing together scholarly contributions that reflect the thematic diversity and methodological richness of contemporary legal research. The articles published in this issue address matters that transcend geographical and disciplinary boundaries, fostering discussions on human rights, technological transformation, sustainability, public security, social justice, and the protection of vulnerable groups.

In a context marked by profound social, technological, and institutional changes, the law is continuously challenged to adapt to emerging realities while preserving its fundamental principles. The contributions gathered in this issue illustrate this dynamic interaction between tradition and innovation, offering critical analyses and valuable insights into some of the most pressing legal questions of our time.

The issue opens with an important examination of the applicability of International Human Rights Law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, analyzing violations and available remedies in light of the 2024 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice. This contribution underscores the enduring significance of human rights protection within the international legal order and highlights the importance of accountability mechanisms in situations of conflict.

Environmental concerns and sustainable development are addressed through studies on water use permits in pecan cultivation in the State of Paraná and on civil liability in the agri-food sector when damages result exclusively from environmental causes. Together, these articles demonstrate the increasing relevance of environmental considerations in legal regulation and policymaking.

The impact of new technologies on legal systems constitutes another central theme of this volume. The digital platforms developed by the Institute of Registries and Notary in Portugal are examined from the perspective of the modernization of legal services, while the challenges surrounding the succession of digital assets and content raise important questions regarding the adequacy of traditional inheritance rules in the digital age. In the same vein, the study on the limitation of personality rights in labor relations mediated by social networks explores the legal implications of growing digital exposure in the workplace.

The relationship between technology, smart cities, and public security is also explored, highlighting how technological innovation has transformed strategies for crime prevention and urban governance. This topic acquires particular relevance as cities increasingly integrate digital solutions into their administrative and security frameworks.

The protection of fundamental rights occupies a prominent place in this issue. Readers will find contributions addressing contemporary challenges to human rights, the right to health and safety in Brazilian workplaces, and constitutional guarantees for the protection of fundamental rights in Mozambique from a comparative perspective. These studies reaffirm the central role of human dignity as a foundational value of democratic legal systems.

Within the field of legal theory, a revisitation of John Rawls's Theory of Justice offers a timely reflection on the application of equity and on the pursuit of legal solutions grounded in fairness, distributive justice, and equal opportunity.

The issue concludes with a significant contribution focusing on childhood and adolescence, examining how the adapted justice framework established by the Mexican Protocol contributes to redefining global legal standards for the protection of children and adolescents. The study emphasizes the need for justice systems that are responsive to the specific needs of individuals in development, reaffirming the law's commitment to inclusion, protection, and effective access to justice.

The Editorial Board extends its sincere gratitude to the authors, peer reviewers, and collaborators whose efforts made this publication possible. The plurality of perspectives, scientific rigor, and relevance of the themes addressed in this issue reaffirm the mission of the *Iberian Law Review* to promote academic dialogue and contribute to the advancement of legal scholarship at both national and international levels.

We wish our readers an enriching and rewarding reading experience and hope that the reflections presented in this volume will contribute to the ongoing development of legal thought and to the pursuit of effective responses to the challenges of our contemporary world.

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