

# EDITORIAL

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It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Faculdade Nacional de Direito (FND), Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil, this Editorial Board meets efforts to provide a journal especially dedicated to the subjects of Institutional Theory to the legal academic community.

The Institutional Theory has been developed continuously in major Universities and research centers in the world. It is a promising theory, characterized by intense dialogue among different knowledge fields, notably Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, State Theory, Political Science, Political Philosophy and Economic Analysis of Law.

Through the Institutional Theory the Journal intends promoting discussions that outweigh text-based paradigm of Legal Sciences. The contemporary research does not consider legal texts as much important as the interaction of the institutions among themselves and their relationship with the Constitution. Therefore, it is insufficient knowing what is written in the Constitution, but ignoring or misunderstanding its interpretation by institutions.

Over the past years, many Professors and Researchers in Brazil have been observing institutional problems, mainly related to large-scale constitutional designs. There may be mentioned alleged violations of the separation of powers and issues involving mechanisms of checks and balances; limits of a legitimate exercise of the judicial review and difficulties faced by Constitutional Courts; conflicts involving federal entities and its authority. These examples are far from exhausting

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institutional matters.

Institutional Theory has been largely discussed abroad throughout many channels of scholarship communication, especially in the US. Similarly, a theoretical interest over institutionalism has raised in Brazil. As a consequence the Journal of Institutional Theory proposes promoting a significant and strong knowledge exchange.

We are honored to publish this first issue which presents a variety of papers with high level discussions on our editorial focus and scope and brand-new ideas and thesis.

Have fun!