

EDITORIAL

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We are pleased to start 2017 by presenting to the legal-academic community another issue of the Journal of Institutional Studies, in order to provide discussions and disseminate the production of scientific knowledge around issues related to Institutional Theory.

This issue has a dossier, coordinated by Guilherme Vasconcelos, on the Taxonomy of the "Generations" of Rights. The initial provocation of this interesting debate is provided by Professor Mark Tushnet's unpublished text: "Notes on Some Aspects of the Taxonomy of Generations of Rights."

Among its debaters are important names of the national and international academic scene, such as Ingo Wolfgang Sarlet, Luís Roberto Barroso and Sanford Levinson. The texts of Mark Tushnet and Sanford Levinson, to facilitate the dissemination of the content in Brazil, are being published bilingually, both in the original (in English) and in Portuguese. We are excited to read this enriching material!

In the section of scientific articles, we published ten unpublished articles submitted to our journal. We are also publishing in two languages the article by Cass R. Sunstein, "How the Star Wars Illuminates Constitutional Law". This is a longer and more academic version, according to the author's own description, of an essay previously published in *The New Rambler*.

Subsequently, the Swiss Professor Peter Sester, in co-author with Andreia Cristina Oliveira, draws a comparison between the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney-General who works in the Court of Justice of the European Union.

In the first edition of our journal, we had the contribution of Professor Virgílio Afonso da Silva, who published an article focused on the role of the Rapporteur Justice in the deliberations of the Brazilian Supreme Court. This article motivated a response by Danilo Almeida and André Bogossian, published in our second edition. The third article of this issue is a "rejoinder" by Virgílio Afonso da Silva to those comments. We are especially pleased to fulfill one of the main objectives established by the Editorial Team since the foundation of the journal: to provoke a direct and substantial discussion among members of the Brazilian scientific community.

These contributions illustrate how the articles selected for this edition stand out for the quality of their results and the diversity of the developed themes.

The last section of our edition discloses the three papers awarded at the *IV International Seminar on Institutional Theory: Institutional Designs and Rational Decision-Making*. They are relevant and unique researches that adopt distinct methodological and technical strategies, which we highly recommend to our readers.

We are very pleased with the outcome of this edition. We have a feeling, issue after issue, that we are approaching the objective of deepening the theoretical development and improving the research methods in our academic environment. Therefore, we would like to thank the authors and reviewers who have made this possible. We also recognize the effort and dedication of the entire

Editorial Team.