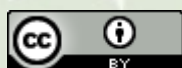


EDITORIAL

INTERthesis opens the second issue in 2013 with the dossier entitled ***Territorial development, localized agro-food systems and ecology***, linked to the area of society and environment. It discusses contributions presented during the sixth International Congress on Localized Agro-food Systems – The SIAL, in the face of opportunities and challenges of the new global context, in May 2013, and promoted by the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC) and the Center for international cooperation in Agronomic Research for development (CIRAD). The dossier, organized by professors Paulo Freire Vieira and Claire Cerdan, from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, tackles a question today on the agenda inside and outside the academic environment. In fact, during the last three decades, the concept of territorial development has been imposing increasingly in the international debate about alternative strategies to regulate modern economies. In the scenario of uncertainties and controversies generated by the worsening global crisis — a crisis, at the same time, socio-cultural, socio-political and socio-ecological — in various regional contexts, new socioeconomic dynamisation practices have emerged - practices which challenge the traditional concepts and analyses of development. The details on the articles are presented by the organizers in the specific *Dossier Section*.

Continuing, this issue displays in the usual *Articles Section*, six original contributions, starting with the young Argentine philosopher Fabián Ludueña Romandini, which exposes in ***From the homo sacer to the iustitium: displacements in the interpretation of Roman Law in Giorgio Agamben's philosophy***, theoretical and historical issues related to understanding the archaic Roman law in the philosophy of Giorgio Agamben, intending to contribute to the understanding of methodological strategies and the philosophical project of the Italian author.



In the second article, ***The development in the context of the information society and the Internet access as a human right in the international order***, the authors Fausto Gonçalves Cintra and Carla Aparecida Arena Ventura propose a theoretical reflection on the issue of development in the information society, comparing their categories and central objects, within the international organizations, what is meant by development and their implications in the information society. The changes processed in the human right are evaluated as well as the information on the dynamics of technological change, which led to the emergence of the right of access to the Internet and its potential recognition as a human right.

Next, Thiago Costa Soares, Elaine Aparecida Fernandes and Silvia Harumi Toyoshima analyze in ***The efficiency of natural and unnatural factors for the major world economies*** the level of efficiency of natural and unnatural inputs from their common features regarding the efficiency of these features, showing as a result, the average efficiency in the use of productive inputs was less than 50%, which indicates that the factors of production are not being properly used or lack structure to use them in the production process.

In the fourth article, health and environment are discussed by authors Kelly Daiane Savariz Bôlla, Geraldo Martino and Jeverson Rogério C. Reichow in ***Perspectives of the complex relationship between health and environment*** in which they investigate the impacts on human health from environmental degradation and correlate health and environment based on the transdisciplinary holistic vision.

Then the article ***Business and environment: contributions of environmental legislation*** discusses the relationship business — environment. Dinos Fonseca and Gustavo Ferreira da Costa Lima propose a reflection on the importance of environmental legislation for the evolution of the environmental variable in the strategies of organizations, highlighting legal compliance as a basic assumption being serviced by companies, regardless of the type of strategies that they use on the way for the search of an effective environmental management.

The last article, published in English and Portuguese, is an epistemological study of the contribution of various areas of knowledge to the research of hydrogeological processes. The authors Vitor Vieira Vasconcelos, Paulo Pereira Martins Junior, Renato Moreira Hadad and Sucharit Koontanakulvong discuss environmental issues involving recharging and discharging aquifers, which are presented as a clearly interdisciplinary challenge. The article ***Aquifer recharge: epistemology and interdisciplinarity***, therefore, proposes discussing

epistemological perspectives and information management that can contribute to a better qualitative and quantitative spatial characterization of the recharge of aquifers. At the same time that the authors elaborate preliminary conceptual modeling to show the possibilities of an interdisciplinary joint for solving the environmental challenges presented, they also discuss the possibilities of incorporation of knowledge on the refilling of aquifers in the public policies for the environment and water resources.

Also in this issue, in the *Translations Section*, under the title **Medieval origins of modern economic rationality**, we publish, for the first time for Brazilian readers, a text by the renowned historian and Professor of Medieval Philosophy at the University of Trieste (IT), Giacomo Todeschini. The article here published, translated by Selvino J. Assmann, is representative of a series of works in which the Italian historian discusses relations between Catholicism and Capitalism. In *Commerciare nell'Occidente medievale: Il Sacro quotidiano*, Todeschini declares that there are Catholic roots present in the modern, capitalist economic rationality. For him, it is in the context of the emergence and strengthening of trade in the Middle Ages that a troublesome relationship is established between Christians and non-Christians merchants (including Jews), when they debate at length the legitimacy and the sinfulness of usury, which is forging a sacred meaning to the trade itself ("metaphor of Christian salvation") and launch the roots of a new mentality, which will mark the modernity.

This issue brings, finally, in the *Reviews Section*, three interesting reviews: Julián Giglio presents the book by Hernán Borisonik, **Dinero Sagrado. Política, economía y sacralidad en Aristóteles**; Alecsandra Matias de Oliveira comments the book by Andre Ryoki and Pablo Ortellado, **Estamos Vencendo! Resistência Global no Brasil**, suggesting a rapprochement between the public demonstrations that occurred in 1999 and 2000, and the most recent ones occurring in Brazil; Finally, Joachin Azevedo Neto reviews the book **A simbólica do Mal**, by thinker Paul Ricoeur, now translated into Portuguese.

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