

The beginning of the year 2020 has puzzled us, scared us, and has also meant a challenge at an individual and collective level. Each country and the planet saw its institutional capacity put to the test, to respond to the crisis caused by the appearance of COVID 19, and the enormous speed with which it is expanding. On March 6, MINSA-LUD confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in the national territory, and on the 17th of the same month, the Presidency of the Republic, through Decree 417 of March 17, 2020, declared a State of Economic Emergency, Social and Ecological throughout the national territory. The social and economic consequences were quickly felt, and according to *Semana* magazine, the period that closed on June 30 will be remembered as the worst in the history of the Colombian economy, some numbers give an account of that dimension: unemployment it reached a record figure of 21.4 percent at the national level; 24.5 percent in the 13 main cities.

In the midst of bewilderment, this number 1 of Volume 50 of our magazine presents interesting and pertinent reflections. We open the magazine with the article, Review on the formulation, implementation and evaluation of public policies in Colombia, in which the authors carry out a comparative case study between Russia, Sweden and Colombia, to understand and learn about the capacities of governments to respond to the needs of

their constituents. The Article The processes of state reform and modernization: a characterization based on the Latin American experience, also proposes a reflection on the intentionality of the reforms, always enunciated as efforts to increase the capacity of the institutional apparatus of the States, to solve problems of interest. common, from a comparative perspective, in this Latin American case. It seems that before the collective challenge that we face, the reflexive views are expanded.

In the article Development as a Pseudoconcept: Logical Analysis Since Rudolf Carnap, the author offers us an interesting reflection on the concept of development, it is more he proposes, from the analysis of the definitions of Amartya Sen and the UNDP, understood as propositions, that it is not possible to speak of a concept of development but of a pseudo -concept. And, the article An approach to the participation of the Catholic clergy in the struggle for monarchical loyalism, autonomy and local patriotism in Nueva Granada, Popayán, 1808-1813, has in common with the previous one, basing its historical reflection on the capital of moral-political arguments to which the segments of Catholic clerics resorted to demonstrate their loyalty to the monarchical institutions of Spain and their opposition to the formation of a local and autonomous government in Popayán.

The articles Statistical analysis to improve the attention of constitutional actions in the Mayor's Office of Popayán, and Ammunition in Colombia. General normative aspects, dealing with practical and contemporary issues. The first, based on a consultancy carried out for the Mayor's Office of Popayán, argues about the insufficiency of strengthening the legal defense capacities of governments, if the causes that originate the litigation that is presented against the State are not attacked; The research reveals need that range from the characterization of processes to the definition of fundamental activities for legal defense. The second presents the results of an investigation on the regulation, management and situation of weapons and ammunition in Colombia, in which it is identified how, despite the signing of the peace agreement, the number of circulation of firearms continues growing illegally, as well as the numbers of violent deaths; The article presents a series of recommendations to strengthen control over the purchase of weapons, and increase controls for the identification of ballistic fingerprints and markings that allow progress in judicial investigations.

It has been a disconcerting start to the year, we hope that the governments of the world find spaces for dialogue and collective learning, which allow us to face the challenges that are glimpsed in a collaborative manner.

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