EDITORIAL

The Court of Justice of the State of Paraíba is honored to present the ninth edition of *Revista Cognitio*, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to diversity, academic excellence, and the advancement of the Social Sciences.

This edition features contributions from distinguished researchers from Brazil, Canada, South Africa, Cyprus, and Spain, whose works enrich scientific debate and broaden our understanding of diverse legal and social contexts. The articles gathered here are organized around central themes that illuminate contemporary dilemmas, structured into thematic sections that provide readers with an integrated and critical perspective on technology, culture, law, governance, and society.

Each text offers readers the opportunity to explore distinct realities, fostering a plural and in-depth view of experiences across different communities. *Revista Cognitio* thus consolidates itself as a space for dialogue and critical reflection, capable of transcending borders and encouraging the construction of knowledge that contributes to more inclusive, fair, and socially conscious societies.

In the field of technology and justice, we highlight the article **"(In)Validity of Facial Recognition as Evidence: Risks, Biases, and Parameters"**, which examines the challenges posed by algorithmic technologies in criminal proceedings. Complementarily, **"Digital Government and Social Stratification: A Critical Analysis of the Digitalization of Public Services from the Perspective of Exclusion"** warns of the risks of deepening inequalities in contexts of technological disparity.

In culture and resistance, **"Between Toys and Rings: Adultization, Gender Violence, and Child Marriage in Brazil"** analyzes practices that strip girls of childhood and perpetuate social exclusion. Meanwhile, **"Grammars of the Syncretic in Brazil and Cuba: A Comparative Perspective of Cultural Resistance"** demonstrates how language becomes a space for identity preservation against colonization and homogenization.

In rights and values, **"Reflections on the Deconstitutionalization and Deaxiologization of Law"** highlights the erosion of constitutional and ethical values, while **"Human Rights, Capitalism, Inequality, and Social Exclusion: Contemporary Challenges to the Construction of Citizenship"** discusses

structural obstacles to full citizenship. The article **"Compensatory Fund of Reurb-S and the Fundamental Right to Housing"** addresses urban policy and access to dignified housing, and **"Civil Liability for Non-Compliance with Parental Duties"** examines civil responsibility within family contexts.

In judicial training, **"Judicial Training and Paradigm Shifts: The Importance of the Role of Judicial Schools in Promoting Inclusive and Intersectional Justice"** emphasizes the role of training institutions in building a more plural justice system.

In foreign literature, **"The (Dys)functions of Punishment and the Penal Abolitionism of Thomas Mathiesen"** revisits critical theories of punishment and denounces the irrationality of imprisonment, while **"Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems: Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in an Era of Algorithmic Warfare"** explores the ethical and legal risks of delegating lethal decisions to autonomous systems.

In financial governance, **"The Basel Committee and the Regulatory Architecture in Brazil"** analyzes the impacts of international regulation on national stability. In international governance, **"Sovereignty as a Constitutive Element of the State and International Law: Contemporary Challenges in Light of the U.S. 2026 Intervention in Venezuela"** problematizes the limits of self-determination of peoples, while **"Judicial Dialogue among International Human Rights Protection Bodies as a Means to Strengthen Extraterritorial Governance in an Unpredictable Political Context"** presents judicial dialogue as a tool to reinforce international human rights protection.

By bringing together reflections on technology, culture, law, governance, and society, this edition reaffirms *Revista Cognitio*'s commitment to fostering critical and interdisciplinary debates. The articles presented here invite readers to reflect on possible paths toward building fairer, more democratic societies, conscious of the challenges of our time.

Enjoy your reading!

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