

ABSTRACTS



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DEMOCRACY, REPRESENTATION AND RIGHTS

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ABSTRACT: Democracy lives today a paradoxical situation. Meet an unprecedented and yet there seems to be a widespread discomfort with democracy. Discomfort generated by a chaotic capitalist globalization, dominated by the wild powers of finance and modern media, which require governments to submit to the demands of that metaphysical entity called “the markets”. It is therefore relevant to try to restore and clarify the principles and values of democracy as an ideal form of government to take seriously the fundamental rights as essential preconditions for the rules of democracy are more than the corporate facade unjust, authoritarian and autocratic governments basically.

KEY WORDS: Democracy, representation, fundamental rights, powers savages.

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION BEYOND THE RIGHTS

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ABSTRACT: In this article, I propose Axel Honneth’s concept of formal ethical life as a normative standpoint of a democratic ethos. Democratic societies are presented as postraditional communities because they integrate two fundamental spheres of recognition: respect and solidarity. From this, I suggest that the model of civic education for such type of community needs to be beyond a model based on rights.

KEY WORDS: Ethical life, democracy, Honneth, rights, solidarity.

CONSTITUTIONALISM, POSITIVISM AND RIGHTS

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ABSTRACT: In the story of constitutionalism coexist two notions of constitution: descriptive and prescriptive. The descriptive is the empirical experience of the constitutions and the prescriptive is what the constitution should be. This article proposes an interpretation that uses both notions, in the empirical and theoretical scope to understand more clearly some of the major problems that should answer a general theory of the constitution: *a)* How to reconcile the empirical diversity of constitutions? *b)* When a constitution should be considered as an element that expresses the rationalization and autonomy of the legal system? *c)* In our time a constitution should guarantee the rights fundamental.

KEY WORDS: Constitution, positivism, state, fundamental rights.

RIGHTS, SOCIAL TRAUMA AND RESTITUTION. SYNCHRONICITY AND UNITY: THE CASE OF URUGUAY

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ABSTRACT: This paper assesses the ability of reborn democracies after State Terror to reinstate rights in all their integrity and synchronicity. Under a historical approach, with an emphasis on the Uruguayan case, it analyses the difficulties of reincorporating the judicial framework and the diverse sensitivities of the international environment of Human Rights in order to achieve the full reestablishment of institutionalism. It privileges the current phase in order to show how some Latin American States are prone to select rights by their content and temporality. Even though the value system surrounding rights is indeed a part of the global agenda, the framework of its definition is national. The Uruguayan debate is substantiated in two regionally neighboring models, Argentina and Brazil, with opposite approaches for the addressing of the challenges

that their traumatic pasts impose on the present. In between them, Uruguay builds a laborious path.

KEY WORDS: Human rights, Uruguay, reincorporation of rights, law nullifying the state's claim to punish certain crimes, democracy.

THE RIGHT TO THE CITY IN MEXICO CITY. A PROGRESSIVE RHETORIC FOR A NEOLIBERAL URBAN MANAGEMENT?

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ABSTRACT: This article examines, from the urban studies' perspective, a new human right that has become a social and political demand of growing interest in many cities of the world. This new right means, basically, that cities are for people and not for private business. The article discusses if it is possible to implement this right in the neoliberal era, as well as the challenges of its implementation in a mega city as Mexico City. The left-oriented government of Mexico City has recognized this right in the field of "political commitments", but simultaneously implements an urban management that promotes private businesses and contributes with them to intensify the socio-spatial inequalities.

KEY WORDS: Right to the city, neoliberal urban management, Mexico city.

CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL RIGHTS: THE DIFFICULTIES OF SOCIAL CITIZENSHIP

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ABSTRACT: In this article I propose to examine the relationship between citizenship and social rights, which some authors call social citizenship. I review some objections that are made to social rights, discuss and put in question the fact do depend on the social rights of citizenship status and assume that they should be granted to any person regardless of whether a citizen or not.

KEY WORDS: Citizenship, rights, warrants, justiciability.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY. PARADOXES, MORALS AND IDEALS

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ABSTRACT: The links between political parties and civil society with democracy are real, but difficult and problematic. This essay analyzes the paradoxes and democratic reversals of these political actors. Democracy needs its convergence, but also of a State that defines certain social conditions.

KEY WORDS: political parties, civil society, democracy, State.

CONCEPTUAL CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS IN THE STUDY OF POLITICS AS A CULTURAL SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT: In the present we witness how a series of reconfiguration and uses everyday key concepts of the analytical body of contemporary political culture have generated a wide range of interpretations from political and social institutions with different nature, objectives and ideologies. In this scenario of dispute, the present work seeks, in the first place, complement a conceptual revision of the categories of citizenship and participation in order to overcome the standards and normalizations of political actor as a homogeneous subject. In addition, this paper presents challenges and weaknesses that face the categories of participation and citizenship as part of a conceptual framework in constant reconstruction and resignification.

KEY WORDS: Political culture, political plural action, challenges and limits of the participation and citizenship.

NOTES ON RELATIONS BETWEEN POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY

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ABSTRACT: This article discusses the use of central concepts to think the specificity of the politics. Punctually, exploring the relationship between the metaphors of order and rupture with the notion of democracy in the works of Georges Sorel, Joseph Schumpeter and Jacques Rancière. To this respect, we discuss the use of formal schemes structured by binary oppositions to think the specificity of the politics, and states that the relationship between order and rupture becomes paradoxical and contradictory, because the political is in an undecidable area.

KEY WORDS: Politics, democracy, order, rupture, undecidable.

EDUCATION IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT: A LEFT-WING POLITICS?

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ABSTRACT: This article analyzes congruence in the educative policy of the governments postulated by the Partido de la Revolución Democrática (PRD) in the City of Mexico from its arrival in 1997. This party, in center proposed a tie supply with values of left, placing the problem of the inequality of its social policy distinguishing itself in this way of the positions of the federal government. The revision of the conducted battles allows to understand as this educative project has been accompanied by a set of alternatives within the framework of an agreed favorable political conjuncture the left ideology.

KEY WORDS: Educative policy, education, educative fairness, governments of left, political parties in Mexico.

CRITICISM AND KNOWLEDGE: SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
THE CRITICAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR EPISTEMIC PRACTICES

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, by revisiting the Lynch-Bloor debate (1992) and from a re-interpretation of the article “Understanding a Primitive Society” (1964) by Peter Winch, I will argue that from the demythologization of knowledge processes carried out in the past decades a positive proposal follows. This proposal consists in a critical approach, which allows social studies of science and technology to transcend its attachments to a mere descriptive view of knowledge. This opens up the possibility that even when we accept that epistemic practices are culture dependent there is still the possibility to evaluate them in the light of “other cultures”.

KEY WORDS: Constructivism, ethnography of knowledge, strong programme, demythologization of knowledge, forms of life.

ETHNIC MIGRATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE AMONG THE ODHAMS ALTAR DESERT,
NORTHWEST SONORA

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ABSTRACT. This text deals, mainly through the oral testimonies, the process of historical change and geographical displacement of the Odhams community of las Calenturas-Pozo Prieto to the city of Caborca in the Northwest of Mexico in the second half of the xx century. The State with its agrarian and the selective use of the natural resources policies played a determining role in this process, particularly in damage of the Odhams. This work describes the geographical mobility from the origin place in a rural environment to the urban center of destination. Besides, this text treats briefly the Odham perception about this dynamic of social change that leads them to reconfigure as ethnic group in a different cultural and social environment, the city.

KEYWORDS: Collective memory, community, Odham, migration, state policies.