

EDITORIAL

Because the publication of the current issue of the *Revista de la Maestría en Derecho Económico of Pontificia Universidad Javeriana* coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Colombia, the economic legal rules that have been enacted in our country on the basis of its provisions are worth assessing.

Under that approach, the journal features three articles dealing with the main aspects of our political and economic institutions that have resulted from the changes introduced by our Constitution to our economic model.

The first one, entitled “*El derecho económico colombiano en el contexto de la agenda internacional*” (“*Colombian economic law in the context of the international agenda*”) compares the amendments and reforms that have been introduced to economic laws in our territory ever since the promulgation of the Constitution and through the year 2010 with all the changes of the international agenda that resulted from the fall of the communist regime in the former Soviet Union; the purpose of the manuscript is to establish whether the successive administrations in our country have accepted the recommendations made by international bodies regarding these fields.

The second article entitled “*Crecimiento y desarrollo colombiano. Perspectiva estructuralista en los años 2000*” (“*Colombian growth and development. Structuralist perspective in the 2000 s*”) features an in-depth analysis of Colombian growth and development between 2000 and 2010 in order to explain the reasons why there has been no growth (rates) that can be compared with other countries in Latin America; the conclusion of the paper includes an analysis of the Economic and Social Development Plan that was submitted to the Congress of Colombia by President Juan Manuel Santos within the context of what has historically occurred with the development of our country and with the goal of predicting how much progress there has been in that respect.

The third article entitled “*20 años de Constitución: ¿Avance o retroceso fiscal?*” (“*20 Years of our Constitution: advancement or fiscal regression?*”) features a detailed study about the fiscal provisions adopted by the Constitution of 1991 and its amendments in order to determine whether the State has abandoned its goal of decentralizing the management of public affairs on the basis of territorial competences.

In addition to the above-mentioned articles, a fourth manuscript about the reforms introduced in 1968 by former President Carlos Lleras-Restrepo to the Constitution of 1886 which sought to strengthen the State economic intervention active role under the powers of the Executive Branch, is featured. The article entitled “*La institucionalidad llerista: una palanca de desarrollo*” (“*Institutions under Lleras: power for development*”) presents in the context of this journal a very interesting contrast between the policies of the intervening State promoted before the adoption of the Constitution of 1991 and the neoliberal State that came after its enactment.

Finally, there are two manuscripts that although not directly related to the evolution of our economic legislation, contribute very interesting data and information about current economic affairs such as the unemployment rate in the city of Cartagena (“*La Curva de Beveridge: una relación entre desempleo y vacantes laborales en la ciudad de Cartagena 2001-2010*”) (“*Beveridge Curve: a relationship between unemployment and job vacancies in the city of Cartagena 2001-2010*”) and satellite communication activity in “*La regulación de las comunicaciones satelitales: un complemento para el acceso y servicio universal de las Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación (TIC) en Colombia*” (“*The regulation of satellite communications: a complement for the access and universal service of the information and communication technologies (TIC) in Colombia*”).

The reader will find in the current issue of the *Revista de la Maestría en Derecho Económico* of Pontificia Universidad Javeriana manuscripts that are focused on current affairs and that lay out new and valuable questions on the analysis of the economic and political conditions of development of our country.

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