



REVISTA GENERAL DE DERECHO CONSTITUCIONAL

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PRESENTATION

The *Revista General de Derecho Constitucional* emerged at a time of deep and intense political and academic debate, which affected some of the key elements of our constitutional order. The first issue was published in April 2006, when matters such as the constitutional reform proposed by the Government and reported by the Council of State, the statutory reform processes -at the center of the ongoing debate on the limits of the political autonomy provided for by our Constitution-, the reform of the Organic Law of the Constitutional Court or the debate on the so-called "European Constitution" were being debated, to mention just a sufficiently significant sample.

Beyond the suggestive debates on some elements of the constitutional architecture of our system, society also demands the attention of the jurist, the constitutionalist, when new important topics are on the current agenda.

Fortunately, in our country, the number of publications of our discipline has increased notably in recent years, with a progressive commitment to the on-line version. One of the many advantages of this medium over traditional paper journals is the immediacy of diffusion. Thanks to it, it is possible to offer the reader information and recent doctrinal reflections on the changes mentioned above and others that are taking place. The *Iustel Law Portal* (www.iustel.com), where the *Revista General de Derecho Constitucional* is hosted, has also demonstrated its solvency as a platform for selecting the most useful information for legal professionals and for those of us dedicated to teaching and research.

VISION

Overcoming the traditional formats of periodical publications, without losing the necessary scientific quality, and making the *Revista General de Derecho Constitucional* a reference among electronic publications dedicated to Constitutional Law.



OBJECTIVES

The Journal has been established with the aim of making available to legal scholars and professionals concerned with the development of our constitutional system, a series of rigorous reflections on those issues that concern citizens and jurists alike and that contribute to the scientific debate in Constitutional Law.

The Journal aims to make possible in each issue the confluence of a series of studies prepared with the maximum scientific quality and the publication of papers with a more practical scope while at the same time attached to current matters of interest to Constitutional Law scholars.

VALUES

Quality and rigour of the contributions. Commitment to current affairs. Maximum diffusion of the publication. International approach.

STRUCTURE OF THE JOURNAL

The structure of *Revista General de Derecho Constitucional*, without abandoning the tradition of containing scientific studies, tries to take advantage of the benefits of a technological medium such as the Internet. Our commitment to the rigor and quality of the contributions is expressed in a rigorous paper evaluation system, a procedure that can be consulted in the section on the rules of collaboration. The flexibility that the electronic format has provided over the years to the structure of the Journal allows to respond to the requirements and demands of the matters of interest that are published periodically.

Each issue of the Journal will be opened with a presentation and, when convenient, it will be followed with a commentary on a current problem and/or a document or dossier.

As is common practice in scientific journals and as a contribution to the debate in our field, a series of Studies is included below, grouping the papers published in different subjects. As a wide example of the possibilities, there are recurrent studies on the organization of power and sources of law, on constitutional jurisdiction and fundamental rights. It is worth mentioning, especially, the usually a section of papers dealing with the Latinamerican constitutional reality. These studies have made a very relevant contribution in terms of quantity and quality since the beginning of the Journal. It also publishes reviews and comments on new publications.



EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY BOARD

To publish a Journal like this one is not possible without the collaboration and support of qualified specialists. The Editorial Board of the Journal, composed of the Director, the Deputy Director and the Secretary, is assisted by the Advisory Board, which will mark its steps, and in which there are renowned national and foreign specialists.

Its functions are:

- To direct the scientific activity of the Journal.
- At the initiative of the Journal's Managers, to approve, where appropriate, the structure and content of each issue, whether ordinary or monographic.
- To propose or promote, where appropriate, monographic or special issues.
- To ensure the scientific quality of the Journal and the fulfillment of its ethical and editorial codes.