Abstract

Italian migrants in Latin America and the memory of places, by Emiliana Mangone

Assuming that migration flows cannot be avoided or analyzed only from a material perspective, the Author aims at investigating the memory of the provenance of migrants who left Italy to travel to Latin America. In fact, “place” is the social structure where people can acquire the necessary strength to face and overcome “trauma” as the consequence of abandoning the country of origin.

Keywords
Migration, memory, place, Italy, Latin America

The Sino-Cuban community of the city-center of Havana. Historical and cultural elements in the current context, by Tristano Volpato

The Author analyzes the presence of coolies in Cuba and he focuses on two central elements: the Chinese arrival to the Island, characterized by the dynamics of slave trade, and the “voluntary migration” of the Californian Chinese. While analyzing Chinese historical “first” and “second arrival”, the Author focuses on racial relations and mestizaje between the Asian and African populations, especially at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries, the commercial activities of the barrio chino (Chinatown) and the ancestral cultural tradition sponsored by the Chung Wah Casino. He also highlights the cultural exclusivity of local coolies and their ability in adapting and melting with the Cuban socio-cultural background, especially in its daily manifestations.

Keywords
Sino-cuban culture, pluralism, mestizaje

Analysis of the outsourcing regime in Mexico, by Héctor Miguel Fuentes Cortés

The Author reflects on the processes of subcontracting or outsourcing as a means for companies to acquire human resources in Mexico. The paper analyzes the legal rules and principles of law which call into question the effectiveness of this new legislative measure within the positive legal order, conceived as an instrument allowing for Mexican employers’ flexibility. It shows the drawbacks of this measure which is a political strategy emanating from the recent economic globalization.

Keywords
Right, work, outsourcing, subcontracting, Mexico
The defender of the people in Latin America, by Carlos R. Constenla

According to the Author the defender of the people is the most important element of constitutionalism. This Author considers the universal assessment attributed to its origins and it claims its Romanist roots through the experiences of Portugal and Spain. He identifies the historical path, the features in Latin America and the differences with the ombudsman. He focuses on its legal nature and traces a critical balance.

Keywords
Defender of the people, ombudsman, human rights

El Salvador starts to plan cities and territories: a pilot participatory experience in Santa Marta, by Daniela Ciaffi and Alfredo Mela

The Authors describe a case of development cooperation that began in 2008 as an intervention of Psicologi nel mondo in a village of El Salvador. An action-research on psychological well-being, which generates an experience of participatory planning in collaboration with Politecnico di Torino. The theoretical reflections on the interdisciplinary relationship between psychology and planning are anchored in a local case study, the small community of Santa Marta, while El Salvador favors local programs of urban and spatial planning.

Keywords
El Salvador, bienestar, participation, planning, psychology