



Abstract

Theory of the multiculturalism concept in Latin America, by *Tristano Volpato*

This paper offers a theoretical reflection on the concept of liberal multiculturalism as developed by the philosophical-political Canadian school, beginning with the dynamics of diversity and cultural pluralism in Latin America. The processes of regional transculturation and de-culturation are analyzed through the concepts of race, cultural universalism and particularism, thus presenting an alternative interpretation of such concepts.

Keywords

Multiculturalism, cultural pluralism, diversity, race.

The community as a source of power. The emergence of alternative organizational forms, by *Lorena Martínez Zavala*

The State of Guerrero has been an area of rebellion that has seen the rise of peace movements, guerrilla activities and forms of popular organizations such as the Ocss, the community police and local radio stations. These forms of struggle have grown and developed under certain characteristics that make Guerrero a state capable of propagating social resistance. The article explores the characteristics that make this region an area of popular struggle.

Keywords

Alternative forms of organizations, Guerrero, Mexico, community, power.

Discovery of being Italic. A reflection on the Italian identity in times of globalization, by *Riccardo Giumelli*

Is there a way to look at an Italian identity that would go beyond the paradigm of the Nation-State? According to the author, the answer lies in the idea, just as paradigmatic, of *italicity*. An idea that comes from the concepts of globalization, glocalism and cosmopolitanism, built on cultural processes that move, relentlessly, across borders. This is a mobility of people, goods and symbols, never seen before, and which creates unexpected and new identity configurations.

Keyword

Italicity, identity, belonging, culture, migration.



An Assessment of the Kirchner governments: The impact of the newly introduced social policies on social exclusion in Argentina, by *Giuseppe M. Messina*

The author discusses whether, considering the severe situation of the 2001-2012 crisis, the steady improvement in Argentine social indicators is due to the substantial changes in Argentine social policies or to international and domestic favorable economic conditions. On the one hand, high economic growth has had positive effects on the local labor markets; on the other, Kirchner administrations implemented a series of significant reforms in two key areas: social policy and economic policies in the labor market. The question is whether there is a real Kirchner model, as the government affirms, or whether this is simply political rhetorics.

Key words

Argentina, social policies, social exclusion.

The articulation of the Venezuelan right and the alternative projects in Latin America, by *Silvina María Romano* and *Gian Carlo Delgado Ramos*

With reference to the progress of alternative national governments in Latin America, the authors analyze what they see as a (re)articulation of the political right, not only on the internal level, as opposition to alternative governments, but also in reference to the whole region and, specifically and clearly, to foreign interests such as those of the United States. The phenomenon is examined by focusing on Venezuela through a critical analysis of the opposition, beginning with the Mesa de la Unidad democrática (Mud) and its foreign ties. Keeping in mind past history, the authors explore the current role of the Agency for cooperation and of the United States assistance programs in destabilizing alternative governments, and initiate a critical revised view of the Venezuelan right that is in stark contrast with reality. The article concludes with a reflection on what is at stake in the current political, economical and social situation in Latin America.

Keywords

Alternative national projects, hegemony, assistance, Latin America, imperialism.

The production of glocality in the context of local development. The case of an Ngo in San Cristobal de las Casas, by *Francesco Deidda*

The author analyzes the production of glocalities through a case study of an Ngo in the city of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. The organization aims at integrating various layers of the population in its development project, which is based on an alternative pedagogical model, gender equity and empowerment. The



analysis is built around the study of discourse and practices of the organization and of the interactions between the Ngo members and the beneficiaries of the project.

Keywords: glocality, development, interaction, agent, beneficiary.

Pedagogical practice of alternating education: possible new areas of implementation, by *Rogério Caliari*

The debates and research of rural education in Brazil have confirmed that the pedagogy of alternation is emerging as a viable educational option to overcome the failures of the traditional school so far offered to the peasant world. Its key features are the actual commitment of parents - each family plans the future of its children; the development and the complete education of young farmers; and the participation in the life of the local community. These responsibilities are distributed among the young farmers, who are called upon to be the creators of their own education and responsible for their own future; the families, who are asked to understand that the education process involves the whole family every day; the mentors, who cannot be just providers of information; and the community as a place of collaboration for the personal and professional growth of the young farmers.

Keywords

Peasant family, rural education, pedagogy of alternation.

Italian citizenship. Legal institution and reflections on some more recent problematic aspects, by *Elena Peruffo* and *Paolo Portinari*

The author discusses the concept of citizenship beginning from the condition of submission up to the need of participating in the sovereign entity. There follows a discussion on the classical criteria for obtaining citizenship and an in-depth study of gaining it by marriage and by being a permanent member of the community. The last section deals with practical and procedural aspects for obtaining Italian citizenship.

Keywords

Citizenship, law, foreign [alien resident], land, marriage, belonging [membership].