

Editorial

From their role of management and dissemination of knowledge, space for dialogue and production framework, academic journals have fulfilled a mission alongside social movements, a mission that goes beyond making a set of knowledge accessible. Today, we are going through a particular moment for solidarity economy and cooperativism, which brings various challenges for the sector and the social movement, from the search for a solution to different long-term problems in society to the deepening of poverty and inequality that the covid-19 pandemic has caused around the world. Faced with such a panorama, it is not enough to declare ourselves a dissemination tool. It is necessary to continue advancing; to work on the consolidation of a theoretical corpus along with academic and research practices that reveal the multi-dimensional nature of this other economy, that shows its contribution to sustainable development and propose innovations so that the social response to the crisis contribute to structural changes.

From Cooperativismo & Desarrollo Journal, we hope to contribute to these purposes through the dissemination of regional academic papers that show the macrodynamic of solidarity and cooperative sector; case studies of solidarity economic integration models aimed at identifying potential replication in the territory; analysis that leads to expanding the theoretical construct of articulation with the care economy, circular economy, bioeconomy, and other transformative economies; contributions to the measurement of the social, economic, and environmental impact of the solidarity economy; complementary measurement models for the Sustainable Development Goals; the relationship of the solidarity economy with public policies, and digital transformation.

We also seek to favor efforts promoted by observatories with longitudinal studies, experimental modeling work based on emerging socioeconomic practices such as platform cooperatives; and, in particular, we promote the socialization of research methodologies and tools that allow local studies to be replicated, in such a way that the journal can also serve as a bridge between research groups to build knowledge networks.

We will always give a place in the journal for those studies that deal with old theoretical concerns, renewing the corpus of foundational constructs such as the sense

of economic solidarity, which is part of cooperatives and the solidarity economy, solidarity education, among others, to shed light on the new practical and conceptual dilemmas that science and society present today to make another economy.

Under the aforementioned thematic and methodological emphasis is an academic vocation that is based on research with methodological rigor, both in qualitative and quantitative or mixed approaches; in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary studies that overcome the fragmentation of science and contribute to an expansion of the comprehensive field of cooperativism as an organizational model and of solidarity economy as a theoretical-practical construct. Although our journal was born alongside the cooperative movement, today it is open to other expressions of the solidarity economy such as mutualism, solidarity finance, social market systems, responsible consumption, and fair trade, among many other expressions of social solidarity.

The present issue of the journal is a concretion of these aspirations with articles that establish a connection between the solidarity economy and public policy, as well as the visibility of other actors of the solidarity economy from the community, ancestral, and university levels.

The texts that you will find below contribute to the purpose manifested in this editorial and to which we, the professionals who have assumed the process of in this new stage, join.

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Some of her co-authored publications are:

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