

Editorial

Cooperativismo & Desarrollo journal from Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia has been active for 48 years, disseminating research articles in the area of social sciences, oriented to the study and research of territorial development and alternative economies such as the Social Economy and the Social Solidarity Economy (SSE). In this way, it has contributed to the construction of the emerging paradigm of the SSE, as a counter-hegemonic theoretical proposal that postulates the creation of another economy, different from the dominant capitalist model. The SSE is an epistemic, integral, and holistic field of study of economic processes whose purpose is to guarantee the reproduction of life, covering the economic, social, political, and cultural dimensions.

It is a social movement and a transformative practice, since it grounds its philosophy and worldview on a unitary relationship between human beings and nature, where its activities must be destined to the production, distribution, and consumption of use values for the well-being of all and all in harmony with the environment.

Cooperativismo & Desarrollo has been the link between groups of SSE researchers for the construction of knowledge networks and theoretical deepening, facilitating scientific dissemination. With this purpose, the magazine has been related to the Interinstitutional Doctorate in Social Solidarity Economy (DIESS), of the Universidad Autónoma Chapingo (UACH) and the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), which aims to train researchers with a high theoretical and methodological rigor, capable of generating and transmitting knowledge about the SSE, as well as designing alternatives to the social, economic, political, cultural and environmental problems caused by the capitalist market economy.

The DIESS UACH began activities in 2018, during the welcome seminar for the first generation, the participation of Dr. Colombia Pérez Muñoz, editor of this journal. From that moment on, the collaboration between both was strengthened through the evaluation and publication of articles by the researchers. This year, 2023, they reaffirm their commitment through the collegiate and collective work carried out between researchers and doctoral students at DIESS UACH, achieving the publication of five scientific articles in volume 31, issue 126.

The articles present diverse and original topics, showing a mosaic of the practice of SSE in Mexico. One of them elaborates into theoretical reflection through a



bibliometric analysis of scientific production on agricultural cooperatives in Spanish-speaking countries, while the others present the results of research carried out with organizations from four states of the territory (Hidalgo, Tlaxcala, Oaxaca, and Chiapas). All these studies reflect the analytical efforts of the authors and are characterized by giving voice to the subjects investigated, through argumentation supported by testimonies from the actors themselves and through the practice of dialogue of knowledge between the researchers and the communities studied.

Without a doubt, the value and significance of these works lies in making the SSE organizations visible. This set of articles contributes to the development of research, documentation, and dissemination, to the extent that they can be a reference for future studies.

Finally, acknowledgement and gratitude are extended to the editorial team of the *Cooperativismo & Desarrollo* journal for their openness, inclusion, solidarity, and support in the production of this issue, hoping to weave ties of collaboration in the common search for another possible world.

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