

# Abstracts

## **Communitarian Foundations in Mexico and across the World**

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This paper studies one type of organization existing within civil society: the communitarian foundations, which are focused to the development of communities. We analyze their patterns of diffusion, its origins and its growth in several regions over the world. Secondly, we discuss the differences existing between what we call a traditional foundation and a communitarian foundation. Finally, our paper discusses the situation prevailing in Mexico for communitarian foundations, in order to define which are their perspectives and challenges they face to cope with the tasks of development in this country.

*Keywords:* Communitarian Foundations, comparative development, civil society, Mexico.

## **Ethics in Political Organization**

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This article tries to analyze the possibility of creating a code of ethics across political organizations. The text analyses the role played by Political Science in determining social phenomena in their complexity and relativity. It is also proposed the necessity of understanding that political decisions imply a scientific preparation both in views and methodologies. The relationship between ethics and politics is considered as a twofold process to determine personal and social consciousness.

*Keywords:* Ethics, Political Science, moral codes, political culture, responsibility.

## **Disclosure, accountability, responsible government and citizenship participation**

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Focused on contemporary Latin America, this article analytically divides the issues of transparency and accountability in two dimensions:

one linked to the struggle against corruption, and other linked to responsible government. From this analytical separation, it is found that the struggle against corruption is moving till now essentially through mechanisms of horizontal accountability. Responsible government should rather be reached by means of a vertical accountability exercised day in and day out—and not just periodically—, with more active citizens' participation.

*Keywords:* transparency, accountability, responsible government, citizens' participation, Latin America.

## **Labor Studies. A new reading from the processes of poverty**

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This paper makes a review of existing debates around the changes experienced by the world of labor, especially those related to the growth of poverty. Particularly, the work of women is revised as a evidence of the manners in which certain models of production provoke a overlapping situation between personal life and labor obligations.

*Keywords:* Labor, poverty, female work.

## **Ranchers, Entrepreneurial Farmers and the Mexican State at the PRI's age**

Horacio Mackinlay

This paper explores a corporatist system that has been understudied, namely, the one existing across the entrepreneurial private sector during the era of the party of State, the PRI, (1929-2000), noting the most outstanding differences between this corporatist subsystem and that pertaining to the so-called peasant "social sector." After outlining the core theoretical issues, I consider corporatist historical origins in the private sector. These include its main traditional features that were current until the 1970s, the changes that this system underwent during the 1970s and 1980s and, finally, the transformations experienced during the neoliberal reforms and trade opening of the 1990s. The concluding section offers some considerations about this type of corporatist development after the rise of the National Action Party, PAN to the presidency of the republic in 2000.

*Keywords:* Entrepreneurs, private sector, PRI, Mexico, corporatism.

## **Some thoughts on the concept of *embeddedness***

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This paper presents an analysis on the ways that the concept of embeddedness has been applied on the fields of economics and sociology to link them. Its meanings within the English and Spanish contexts are initially discussed by making reference to the works of Karl Polanyi, Mark Granovetter, James Coleman, Nicole Biggart, Francis Fukuyama and Brian Uzzi, among others. Its main conclusion leads to discuss the methodological and theoretical status that the concept might have from a weberian perspective of social action.

*Keywords:* Embeddedness, social action, economy and sociology

## **Psychosociology of Violence**

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This paper inscribes itself within a research program on violence. Our objectives points towards characterizing violence as a way of social representation, so we make use of this theoretical background to study it. We also analyze the cultural context in order to understand the potential role by prejudice, stereotypes and regionalism, as means capable of producing violence.

*Keywords:* Psychosociology, violence, social representation, culture.

## **The new fatherhood: expression of masculine transformation**

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The purpose of this paper is to analyze the effect that cultural change produces in the trends of traditional fatherhood in order to generate an affective parenthood and capable to get rid of the authoritarian practice of masculinity. From that assumption, the article proposes to create cultural conditions for establishing more harmonious relationships between parents and children.

*Keywords:* Fatherhood, masculinity, cultural change.