Editorial

Reaping Hopes

The “scorched earth” is a military strategy in which a retreating army destroys its cities and resources so that enemies find nothing to take advantage of. The Russians did so against Napoleon and Hitler.

In Brazil after the 2016 coup, the “scorched earth” strategy took on new shapes. Judiciary, hegemonic media, politicians, businessmen, and the military began to systematically destroy the country as a whole – from the Amazon to social policies, infrastructure companies, oil reserves, jobs, the right to food, basic income, labor and social security rights, SUS, education system, etc. They transformed our country into an international pariah and Brazilians are bitter about the shame of a servant government of the United States and a denial of science and history.

By the end of 2020, Brazil may have 200,000 deaths as a result of the pandemic of COVID-19 and the irresponsibility of the Bolsonaro government, which has always acted in favor of the virus, sowing illusions and lies, hindering the action of states and municipal governments, attacking the World Health Organization, to shift the focus away from essential issues.

Their adopted strategy aims to apply the authoritarian knee on the neck of Democracy and our people so that they never rise again. But our people and our country will rise up little by little. There is no strategy capable of winning over people and Democracy forever.

The process of the country's reconstruction will begin shortly after we are freed from this ship full of deviant personalities beings, who preach the opposite of what they do in their private or public life. Government of “rachadinhas”, of the “flordelis”, of the
“take-there-give-here”, immoral, genocidal, anti-national, anti-popular, and anti-democratic.

In the reconstruction of Brazil, we will continue to defend the repeal of the labor and social security reforms, banish child labor and slave labor for good, reconstitute the norms for the protection of health and safety at work, firmly combat all forms of discrimination against women, blacks, native peoples, the elderly, people with disabilities, vulnerable populations, etc.

The democratic world is watching and hoping that Brazil rises again after this hard period of darkness.

Laborare, a scientific debate vehicle initiated by the Instituto Trabalho Digno, follows its role of qualifying the discussion of the most relevant themes in the world of work, always convinced that “another world of work” is possible.

In this edition, we highlight the first international article we published – Maria de Fátima Ferreira Queiróz, Associate Professor at the Federal Universidade de São Paulo and Post-Doctorate at Universidade Nova de Lisboa; João Areosa, Professor at the School of Business Sciences (ESCE-IPS) and Researcher at Universidade Nova de Lisboa; Ricardo Lara, Associate Professor at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina and Post-Doctor at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa; and Filipe Gonçalves, Docker of Porto de Sines – Alentejo – Portugal, bring us their look on “Portuguese dockworkers – Work organization and accidents”.

Two operators from the good Labor Law bring the very current article “Labor and Emotional Health in times of COVID-19”. They are Valdete Souto Severo, a postdoctoral student in Political Sciences at UFRGS / RS and President of AJD - Brazilian Association of Judges for Democracy; and Isabela Pimentel de Barros, Master's student in Labor Law at UERJ and member of the Special Commission on
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Union Law of OAB/RJ. Valdete Severo is the general co-editor of this journal, but it should be noted that the entire editorial process of her article took place without her participation, ensuring the double-blind evaluation system.

The issue of sexual violence against one worker in the retail trade, as a case of commuting work accidents, is the focus of a disturbing article by sanitarians Cátia Andrade Silva de Andrade and Iracema Viterbo Silva – the first is a Ph.D. student and the second a Ph.D. in Public Health by the Institute of Collective Health of the Universidade Federal da Bahia (ISC / UFBA), both professionals from the Attention and Surveillance of Worker's Health of the Secretary of Health of Bahia.

Gender inequality and discrimination against women is a theme that the application of international law has not yet managed to address. Luis Paulo Ferraz de Oliveira, Law student of Universidade Estadual da Bahia – UNEB, and Luciano de Oliveira Souza Tourinho, Post-Doctor in Human Rights by Universidad de Salamanca (Spain) and Adjunct Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law at the Universidade do Sudoeste da Bahia – UESB, in its article, investigate the condition of women, seeking to contribute to “an emancipatory legal thought”.

This edition also includes an exciting and current article about the Fashion Industry and its civil liability in relation to Slave Labor: Contemporary or Démémodé? It is the contribution of Emerson Victor Hugo Costa de Sá and Suzy Elizabeth Cavalcante Koury, the first Ph.D. student in Law in the Universidade Federal do Pará and Labour Inspector, while the second is a Doctor in Law by Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais and Judge of the Regional Labour Court of the 8th Region.

Slave Labor is also the subject of an article by Maurício Krepsy Fagundes, which addresses the challenge of Labour Inspection in promoting decent work amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Maurício is Labor Inspector and heads the Inspection Division for the Eradication of Slave Labor (DETRAЕ) and the Special Mobile Inspection

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Group (GEFM).

The cover photo of this edition was provided by the author through DETRAE and was made in a recent operation, with the consent of the young worker.

Laborare seeks to qualify the scientific debate for the promotion of Decent Work. We continue to sow winds to reap hopes.

As says the so often awarded Francisco Buarque de Holanda, Chico, in his 1972 song:

“Listen to a good advice
that I give you for free
It’s useless to sleep, the pain doesn’t go away
Wait sitting
Or you gonna get tired
It’s proved, good things never come
to those who wait”

(...) 

“I sow the wind in my town
I go to the street and drink the storm”.

Let's go ahead with our heads up.

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