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PRESENTATION

The second issue of Volume 20 of *Revista Direito Mackenzie* (RDM) brings together contributions from Brazilian and international scholars addressing one of the defining challenges of contemporary legal thought: the ways in which the digital age has reshaped the organization, circulation, and exercise of power across society. Data, platforms, algorithms, markets, and institutional structures are now deeply interconnected, creating unprecedented opportunities for innovation while also intensifying asymmetries, vulnerabilities, and new forms of risk to the protection of rights.

Against this backdrop, Law is increasingly called upon to reaffirm its role as an instrument for mediating, structuring, and constraining power. This is an agenda closely aligned with the research concerns of our Post Graduate Program in Political and Economic Law. On the one hand, the legal limits of economic power must be reconsidered in light of digital markets, emerging forms of concentration, the strategic circulation of information, and the transformation of business relations. On the other hand, citizenship itself is being redefined, placing new demands on the State to respond to emerging conflicts, protect vulnerable individuals and groups, and adapt its institutions to a social reality marked by continuous change.

These developments also require a deeper reflection on Law itself, its categories, foundations, and forms of rationality. Contemporary technological and social transformations challenge established legal frameworks and invite renewed attention to the ways in which legal systems respond to new problems, preserve institutional continuities, and revise structures that no longer adequately reflect present conditions.

The articles published in this issue engage with these questions from a variety of perspectives, connecting debates on economic regulation, digital transformation, citizenship, state action, and legal theory. Taken together, they reveal a legal field in the midst of profound change and underscore the importance of understanding Law not merely as a response to transformation, but as a central arena in which the limits of power, the guarantees of citizenship, and the institutional forms of contemporary society are continuously defined and redefined.



We hope you enjoy this issue.

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