

# PRESENTATION – FOREWORD

The Review **DESC – Law, Economics and contemporary society** was born in 2018 with a meaningful history and a clear purpose in its horizons. Its history dates back to 2006, when the first steps to research and postgraduate projects began to be conceived in the law course of **Faculdades de Campinas – FACAMP**.

What often happens in the largest centers of academic excellence all over the world is a slow and gradual process of maturation and convergence of purposes among directors, professors and students. With the experiences collected in *lato sensu* postgraduate programs and the gradual integration of scientific initiation with researching groups and internal events, countless projects for a future master course emerged from the hands of Dean Alaôr Caffé Alves, founder of the undergraduate course in Law, until they reach the hands of Professor Fauzi Hassan Choukr, who, having personally accompanied this history for many years, now gives final format to this historical background with great skill, projecting it to the dreamed perspectives.

The outcome was the emergence of a robust and promising postgraduate program that can aspire to offer a Master degree in law, perhaps in the near future.

**FACAMP** remains connected to the ideals of its origins: an institution created by teachers for high-quality and full education. Among its ideals, the vocation for postgraduate studies has been supported by its research Institute for more than ten years, directed by Professors João Manuel Cardoso de Mello, Luiz Gonzaga Belluzzo and Liana Aureliano, which offers until present times dedicated seminars to teachers from all areas of the school, fostering debates on social sciences, from the classics until today, economics, politics, philosophy, sociology, arts, psychology, technology, education and law.

In this sense, the **DESC Review** is a sign of good winds for the academic community. It intends to be one of the voices of stimulus, integration and realization of the research in law, especially addressing FACAMP postgraduate in law specific issues in the area of “Law, enterprise and contemporary society” and its researching groups in the fields “State, enterprise and normative systems” and “Enterprise, justice and society”.

In attention to the institutional vocation of its *alma mater*, the DESC Review has in its horizons to achieve the high quality in publications at postgraduate level, which currently points to the internationalization of all projects, congresses, publications, research groups, etc., a goal that, since the beginning, can be achieved with the support of our Advisory Board, with Brazilian members of international transit, and the full involvement of the International Council, consisting of teachers linked to renowned universities abroad.

In this sense, it's expected that the success of **DESC Review**, in the coming years, will be measured by the Brazilian CAPES/Qualis excellence index, a goal that becomes feasible since the beginning due to a extremely active and present Council, especially by the names that today comprise the Executive Board of Editors, the real ones responsible for the concrete actions to lead the magazine to the first quality levels in Brazil and abroad as soon as possible.

In a more technical sense, in clarification to the general public not accustomed to the requirements of the field, especially to undergraduate students who dream one day to obtain the titles of master and doctorate, the **DESC Review** is from **FACAMP**, but should give voice to research from outside, preferably from other Brazilian Federation States and from other countries to meet what is conventionally called “exogenia”. Nothing more natural for **FACAMP**, which has been on the way to internationalize its undergraduate courses with pioneering attitude,

promoting interinstitutional researches and international events in order to attract the greatest number of external contributions to its campus.

Another feature of **DESC Review** is the observance of the excellence criteria regarding the highest possible degree of objectivity or scientific objectification through the processes of “double blind peer review” besides the review of all articles submitted to the publication by its own Executive Board (desk review), without prejudice to other future forms that the evolution of knowledge requires to improve the quality of the published works. The first volume of **DESC Review** brings a tribute to its greatest supporters, with the publication of articles of members of its international Advisory Board and of professors and teachers invited by its Executive Board, which have not undergone the peer review process exceptionally.

In this beginning, the **DESC Review** reinforces the invitation to all researchers and investigators from Brazil and abroad to send texts to the magazine, which will publish two volumes per year, in Portuguese, English, French, Italian, Spanish and German languages.

Finally, on behalf of all the professors and teachers of the DESC Executive Board, the publishers present special thanks that do not come only from this generation, because they echo the wills and efforts of a decade that led to this step. This substantial step only goes with our many thanks to the Facamp’s Director’s Office, who has incessantly supported the initiative. To the Faculty members of the postgraduate program, who actively cooperated with the Executive Board; to other professors, teachers and students, current and already graduated, of the *lato sensu* postgraduate and all undergraduate courses of **FACAMP**, to our national and international Advisory Board, to all the people of a long list that does not fit to appoint here, but who have directly or indirectly supported this remarkable project since its origins.

**The DESC team wishes a profitable reading!**

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