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JANAINA AMADO

On attempting to base the article on an orally related story to investigate a social movement of Brazilian peasants, the author comes across the «lies» of an informant. On revision of the account she realizes that it is a recreation of Don Quixote, and discovers that the work of Cervantes was reproduced by the inhabitants of the Goiás region. Here the dimensions in the informant's account are analyzed: the distinction is made between what actually happened and what is remembered of what happened: the memory, the account and the story. The historians have to face the symbolic elements present in the interviews. The article analyzes this interview with conceptions of the story which relates the experiences and memories of an individual to groups of people and their times.

JUAN JOSÉ PALACIOS L.

The essential characteristics of the adverse experience of Latin America in the eighties are analyzed. The options of development and integration are discussed and the Asiatic Pacific is presented as an outstanding alternative.

ZYGMUNT BAUMAN

The theoretical implications and the lines of analysis which are derived from the change of social conditions from modernity to postmodernity are stated. The first implication was characterized for its tendency towards universalism, unity and clarity. The second is distinguished by its pluralism, diversity, fate and ambivalence. The ten dogmas of the postmodernity theory are reviewed, new politics, new ethics and the current demands on sociology.

JAVIER HURTADO

The article covers eight constitutional government periods and analyzes 881 individuals who occupied 1,356 important posts in the state of Jalisco. It shows that there is a high degree of government and public improvisation and corporatization, and signals the existence of 302 local politicians who have maintained their power like an exclusive right. The characteristics mentioned have been a hindrance to the development of Jalisco.

MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ LAPUENTE

The author states the origin and evolution of the concept of sovereignty. He proposes that nowadays the question of sovereignty is presented as a problem of distribution of competities both at a national as well as a supranational level. He also indicates that if this is conceived as something absolute, the distinctions that protect the essential functions for the life in the towns are lost.

Translation by
Ivan Dale

RAQUEL PARTIDA

A study of the political, technological, and labor changes that took place in the electronics industry in Guadalajara, to face both the economic crisis in Mexico as well as the competitive demands of the international market. This study documents the changes using official statistics, a private opinion poll, and interviews with 26 electronics companies.

JUAN MANUEL RAMÍREZ SÁIZ

The fundamental identity of the popular urban movements is communitarian and subject to districts, but since the middle of the 80's it has reached regional, national and even international dimensions. The most extensive territorial manifestations were achieved through the influence of various sectorial organizations of national significance (Conamup, Anamup, etc.). The movements in the metropolitan area of Guadalajara (AMG) have been changing their respective identities ever since 1973, but were not able to amalgamate a movement of regional status. The processes involved are explained in the article. Also, the impact that globalization, in particular, is having both on the social foundations as well as in the types of organization and the social manifestations carried out by movements in the metropolitan area of Guadalajara, are analyzed.

RAQUEL GUTIÉRREZ NÁJERA

An exposition of different conceptions, agreements and principles concerning the environment in relation to existing development examples in the world in recent periods. He emphasizes the need to change development strategies for a tenable one, capable of protecting natural resources, and indicates the right as being an essential instrument to achieve this change.