Abstract
In the last decades, several international organizations had an interest to re-formulate, in a scientific and political way, the organizational proposition of the “Third Sector” and “Social Economy”. This article shows a vision of the origins, features and manifestations of the “Third Sector” and “Social Economy” in Costa Rica, how the different professionals of Social Work have been involved with the organizations of the “Third Sector” in the national environment.

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