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INTRODUCING: REFLECTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE SOCIAL ECONOMY, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

This 35th special issue of CAYAPA Venezuelan Journal on Social Economy, contains five original peer-reviewed articles; one Book Review, seven reviews of Outstanding Events and References on Economics and Social Innovation; and two Summaries of Research Projects of doctoral theses. There are 15 files containing recent research outputs from universities, with practitioners from various countries, all organised according to the new sections of the journal.

The Articles Section.

These are focused on the subject of sustainable development, with emphasis on the environmental dimension. Among these, the literature review, presented in a didactic way, by Professor Leonardo Tariffi, from the Pompeu Fabra University, stands out. In a similar vein, the bibliometric analysis, organised and described in a simple way by four researchers who collaborate from universities in Colombia and Costa Rica, provides a broad overview of the topics, sources and places that report experiences of business models of resource recovery for sustainability. Their methodological approach and the tools most frequently used in this type of research are shown, pointing out the potential of systematic review-based studies with new information and communication technologies.

The articles section continues to show the methodological approach of case studies, for the knowledge of experiences of linking universities and new Direct Social Communal Ownership Enterprises in the city of Caracas, the capital region of Venezuela, which is documented by Professor Dorkis Shephard, from the Simón Rodríguez University.

The fourth article, by Professors Dorkis Shephard, Mario Fagiolo, Alirio Pérez and Benito Díaz, examines the question of the social economy in Venezuela and contrasts it with international controversies on the public policy agenda in relation to the social economy. The discourse moves between the local case of Venezuela and the scenario of the international institutions in charge of promoting the Sustainable Development Goals. In general, the

authors suggest that a new social pact with greater inclusion of actors and greater efficiency is needed. The reading of this article is highly recommended in order to identify the main trends that are opening up in Venezuela in 2025 on the issue of the social economy, on the threshold of a political transition.

In the fifth article, by Carlos Villarroel of the University of Margarita, from the perspective of the legal sciences, confronts a novel topic and makes a proposal. This article is presented here, based on the CIRIEC's principle of studying and recommending problems of general interest to society. In particular, the situation of the Venezuelan penal system is studied here, which most people perceive as unfair, which is why a large part of the population does not believe in the efficacy of the penal system to fulfil its institutional mission, and why most victims do not file complaints (Rosales, 2012, p59). Therefore, this article is published with a proposed method to contribute to improving decision-making by the actors in the Venezuelan criminal process. This article is based on a doctoral dissertation.

The Book Review section:

Presents a summary of the book **Una mirada sobre Venezuela**, edited by Centro Gumilla. This seems to be a highly recommendable book for local development projects and animation of community participation. It discusses what appear to be the major transitional changes that have occurred in Venezuela in the last third of the century. The book has contributions from various researchers and editorial coordination by Katharina Wegner and Manuel Zapata SJ.

The section events and references on economics and social innovation:

It contains the following references:

Appearance of the first issue of La Escuela Journal. This is a beautiful and creative experience that links grassroots community projects, highlighting hydro-communal attributes. It is a project founded by artist Miguel Braceli together with the international foundation Siemens Stiftung, developed in collaboration with a network of artists and researchers, as well as universities, institutions and communities in Latin America. The magazine can be seen at LA ESCUELA___ JOURNAL N°1 <https://laescuela.art/es/campus/library/journal>

A sample of experiences of cooperatives and communes of the people of ROJAVA, Northern Syria. This is a brief introduction to the struggles of the Kurdish people, also called ROJAVA, who are trying to build their own path to sustainable development, with important efforts in organising cooperatives, communes and direct democratic management, recognising

equal participation rights for women and men in Kurdistan. This summary is complemented by the publication in this issue of an article that was originally published in English, co-authored by Anna Rebrii and Jihan Avo, in the edition of the journal JACOBIN.

The article **Turkey Is Starving the Rojava Revolution** By [Anna Rebrii](#) and [Jihan Avo](#). This article is published with the kind allowance of the Editorial Director of **Jacobin** and the coauthors. **Jacobin** is a leading voice of the American left, offering socialist perspectives on politics, economics, and culture. This issue is about the ROJAVA revolution.

The celebration of the **annual Congress of the European Academy of Management** and Business Economics. This event is reported by Professor Leonardo Tariffi.

The realisation of the **Forum on Taxation in Cooperatives**, of the Cooperative Council of the state of Lara. We were invited to participate in this important event.

The **Guidelines for authors of a scientific article in Cayapa** are republished, in order to stimulate its dissemination and increase the reception of more articles.

The research projects section:

It presents two research projects that currently are being carried out in the Doctorate in Educational Innovations of the University of the Armed Forces of Venezuela (UNEFA). Both of them being conducted at the Campus Nueva Esparta, Margarita Island. The first project is on **Neuroscience applied to wellness tourism for the sustainable development of the Margarita destination**, and is being carried out by Jennifer Cedeño and her tutor Dr. Jaine González. The other research project is **a Theoretical Construct of Open Government based on Blockchain Technology for University Students**. This is being carried out by Karen López and her tutor Dr. Julio Bracho.

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