

## Abstracts

### The evolution of leadership in the Democratic Revolution Party 1989-2012

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The Democratic Revolution Party leaders have played a key role in building the organization and its permanence and growth. Unlike any other Mexican political party, the PRD (DRP) has developed charismatic leaders that sometimes have the characteristic to be dominant, other times moderate and more inclusive. Along with this, there is another category of a different quality that applies to administrative leaders, strong, intermediate or weak. The rank of both and its influence on the organization of the party are addressed in this text.

**Key words:** Leadership, Democratic Revolution Party, fractions.

### The exercise of constitutional checks on the Supreme Court in Mexico

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This paper analyzes the constitutional controls (constitutional controversies and actions of unconstitutionality) that the Supreme Court of Justice has ruled in Mexico, specifically in the conflict between the Executive and the Legislature. In particular, we study two cases: the approval of the expenditure budget of the federation in 2005, which led to a constitutional controversy, and telecommunications law, radio and television passed in 2006, which resulted in an action of unconstitutionality.

**Key words:** Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, Legislature, Telecommunication Law.

## ABSTRACTS

### A brief history of Citizenship in Mexico

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The present work aims to identify historical perspective on the different stages through which it has passed the construction of citizenship in Mexico. We intend to demonstrate that it is a long, eventful and dramatic process that systematically *ideal citizens* exist only in words and in formal definitions, but we are still far from the minimum precepts of citizenship a reality de facto all individuals and social groups. The transition to democracy that encouraged optimism that now they would enter into the fullness of citizens in Mexico seems to be more mirages than a goal achieved. The diagnosis of recent years continue to show that in terms of participation and interest in public affairs, prevailing distrust, disinterest, manipulation, uncertainty, all feed paid to practices to build that consolidation of citizenship.

**Keywords:** citizenship, participation, public interest, civil rights, democracy.

### The participation of young people as candidates for deputies and senators in the 2012 electoral process

Jesús Aguilar López

This paper analyzes political participation and political representation of young people in the last federal election in Mexico. The study reports the findings of a Congress' candidates database, and shows the socio-demographic and political profile of young candidates by analyzing descriptive variables such as age group, sex, political party affiliation, state represented, as well as the electoral rule which made possible their candidacy and their success rate. This paper makes a groundbreaking contribution as it demonstrates empirically that young people have a scanty presence in both chambers of the Mexican legislative, which reveals that political parties lack appropriate mechanisms to foster young people's political representation. Likewise, this study shows that the Mexican electoral law and the political parties' statutes offer no guarantee for this population group as to grant them an

institutional structure that favors the exercise of their political right to representation.

**Key words:** Political participation, young candidates, political parties, 2012 election, legislature, political representation.

## Machiavelli and the Medici

Roberto García Jurado

The Medici family had an important function in the political activity of Florence in Machiavelli's times and even in his life. This paper analyzes the way in which this family governed the city and the way in which this government affected Machiavelli's political thought. Special attention is paid to the way in which this family corrupted the republican life in Florence, even to a point of transform it in a principality. Based on this fact, Machiavelli determined the pressing necessity to establish clearly the form of government of the State.

**Key words:** Florence, Republic, principality, corruption, public realm.

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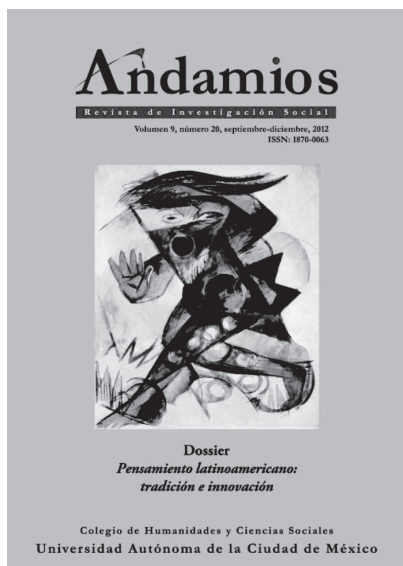
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