

PRESENTATION

This 40th issue of the "Última Década" magazine finds us completing our first year of work as the responsible team for this important publication in the field of youth studies. We have added new members to our Editorial Committee, and the process of preparing for inclusion in new indexes and databases has begun.

The section that opens this edition, "Contemporary Youth Conditions," contains articles related to the very notion of the concept of adolescence and relevant theoretical approaches to youth. The first one is "Theory of theories about adolescence" by AGUSTÍN LOZANO, which proposes a classification of the different features and theories that define adolescence, along with the proposal of a functional concept of adolescence that is universal and historically-cultural. On the other hand, the article "Youth, work and state mechanisms. Critical contribution to sociology of youth from the perspective of governmentality" by MARÍA BRANDÁN ZEHNDER, addresses, from a theoretical perspective of governmentality, the ways in which the sociology of youth in general approaches the link between youth and work.

The second section, "Youth Identities," consists of three contributions: the first one, "Representation of political action among Chilean students: Dissemination of meanings in social media" by CAMILA CÁRDENAS NEIRA, explores the representation of student political action through social media, in order to establish three enunciation sites that function as simultaneous spaces of resistance: the streets, the classrooms, and the screens. The second article, "Youth and politics in Antofagasta: Towards a re-enrollment policy experience in youth" by DANIEL CARRASCO, JUAN CARRASCO, and EVA GUERRA, addresses, from a qualitative and descriptive perspective, the main contents present in the social representations of a group of young people from Antofagasta regarding the relationship between youth and politics in contemporary Chile.

The article "«An open adventure». Biographical events of young residents in villas and suburbs in greater Buenos Aires, Argentina," by ALEJANDRO CAPRIATI, presents the difficult conditions of social inclusion for young men and women from popular sectors, using a biographical methodology.

The third section, "Youth and Public Policies," includes three articles. The first one, "Portrait of Brazilian government public policy for youth in 2000" by RAFAEL GARCIA BARREIRO and ANA PAULA SERRATA MALFITANO, analyzes the process of constructing public policies over the last decade. Meanwhile, the article "Adult education in Chile: Experiences and expectations of students in regular mode," by OSCAR ESPINOZA, JAVIER LOYOLA, DANTE CASTILLO, and LUIS EDUARDO GONZÁLEZ, examines the experiences and expectations of students in the main modality of adult education in Chile, the regular modality. Finally, the text "Behavior analysis of micro-trafficking in girls and adolescents from the perspective of the general theory of crime" by ALEJANDRO ROMERO, focuses on parental competencies and educational models that contribute to what the author calls low self-control and facilitate the familiarity of adolescents with drugs.

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