

# Editorial

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The July-December 2020 issue of the IUSTA Journal expounds on themes where the protagonist is the State, in order to reflect on its role in fields such as the Colombian penitentiary system, the territory from the perspective of the indigenous communities of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, and the provision of medical services.

Additionally, and from the perspective of State responsibility, the contents of this addendum aim to explain the legal responsibility of the Government when it legislates in response to a state of emergency like the current one; furthermore, one of the articles explains the role of fines in the framework of the current state of emergency. In view of existing regulatory gaps, and based on an academic perspective, this issue also lays down the regulatory framework of the administrative sanctions procedures for home utilities companies.

Finally, and taking into account the limited academic development regarding the role of the Andean Community (CAN) vis-à-vis the Colombian State, there are two articles related to the contributions of CAN to the legal relationship between environmental collective rights and municipalities; and a second article that seeks to contextualize the relationship between CAN and territorial decentralization.

We hope that these thematic references may be of interest to the academic community.