

Editorial

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Issue 25 of the *Revista de Internet, Derecho y Política* includes a specialist feature comprised of several articles on the use of mediation and arbitration to resolve conflicts in various industrial fields. Conflicts which are sometimes caused by the impact of the information and communication technologies themselves on social and economic relationships... And, it also analyses how the information and communication technologies impact on the mediation channels (electronic mediation platforms).

Firstly, Cátia Marques, in her article entitled “Mediación y arbitraje de consumo: una visión comparada de los modelos portugués y español” (‘Consumer mediation and arbitration: a comparative overview of the Portuguese and Spanish models’), covers the similarities and differences between the alternative consumer conflict resolution systems in both countries. Then, in the article “La vertebración del régimen español de la mediación de consumo en el marco del Derecho europeo” (‘The structuring of the Spanish consumer mediation system within the context of European law’), Fernando Esteban de la Rosa analyses the adaptation of the Spanish legislation in this area to the new European framework. The third article, by Javier Latorre, “Mediación deportiva: una decidida apuesta en la resolución de conflictos” (‘Sports mediation: a firm commitment to conflict resolution’), discusses the advantages of applying mediation as a conflict resolution method in the world of sport, and also highlights the various sports-related conflicts that are likely to be resolved through mediation.

In turn, M.^a Teresa Duplá, in her article “La mediación empresarial y el *conflict management*: claves de la evolución del modelo estadounidense” (‘Business mediation and conflict management: keys to the evolution of the American model’), gives an account of several successful case studies on the use of mediation in the field of business management in the United States. The fifth article, by Blanca Ballester, entitled “Las TIC como instrumento aplicado a la conciliación, mediación y arbitraje en el ámbito laboral” (‘ICT as a tool used in conciliation, mediation and arbitration in the working environment’), focuses on how information and communication technologies play a role in conflict resolution in the workplace. Finally, in the article “Análisis crítico del procedimiento simplificado de mediación en línea para reclamaciones de cantidad de la Ley 5/2012, de mediación civil y mercantil” (‘A critical analysis of the online simplified mediation procedure for claims for payment of Spanish Law 5/2012 on Civil and Commercial Mediation’), Aura Esther Vilalta provides a critical insight into the regulation of this procedure.

This issue also includes an article by Ana María Delgado y Rafael Oliver, entitled “The Immediate Supply of Information in value added tax”, which contains an in-depth analysis of the new value added tax management system (Suministro Inmediato de Información, SII), which represents a significant advance in tax-related e-government, as well as a considerable increase in use of information technologies in the interactions between the tax administration and the contributor.

Finally, this issue also has a section that presents a selection of the new regulations, prepared by Jordi García Albero, as well as another section, prepared by Patricia Escribano Tortajada, which gives an overview of the most recent jurisprudential rulings. Furthermore, overviews of the most recent academic knowledge dissemination activities organised by the Legal Studies and Political Science departments of UOC are also published.

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