

## INTRODUCTION

With the upcoming release of Volume 39 in the second semester of 2013, *Revista Última Década* embarks on a new era of publication.

After twenty years of uninterrupted publication by the Center for Social Studies (CIDPA) in Valparaíso, the academic and editorial management, publication, and dissemination of *Revista Última Década* will now be overseen by a consortium of academic institutions united under the Research Project in Social Sciences "Youths. Socioeconomic, sociopolitical, and sociocultural transformations of young people in contemporary Chile," a research project funded by Conicyt ([www.proyectojuventudes.cl](http://www.proyectojuventudes.cl)).

This collaborative project aims to investigate the social, political, and cultural transformations occurring in Chilean society and how young individuals are navigating these new structural and subjective conditions, focusing on three key aspects of youth development: socioeconomic, sociopolitical, and sociocultural. The central goal of the "Juventudes" Project is to produce knowledge through systematic research.

In addition to this, the initiative seeks to establish a network of research, education, and academic exchange on youth-related topics, with the ultimate objective of consolidating youth studies as an applied field within the social sciences in our country, and fostering the dissemination and transfer of accumulated knowledge on youth to both public and private sectors.

The project brings together a team of eleven researchers with extensive expertise in youth-related issues and involves nine public and private institutions from various regions: University of Valparaíso, Center for Social Studies (CIDPA), University of Chile, Catholic University Silva Henríquez, Catholic University of Maule, Center for Sociocultural Studies (CESC), *Universidad del Desarrollo*, University of Concepción, and University of Magallanes.

The main motive and core purpose of this transition in the journal's management are aimed at strengthening its position as a periodic publication and increasing its outreach to further contribute to the consolidation of the research field on youth studies. To achieve these objectives, we intend to increase the frequency of published volumes, revitalize editorial processes, and pursue new international indexation for the journal.

We are fully aware that this new phase of *Revista Última Década* represents an exciting challenge as we strive to expand and raise awareness about the knowledge produced in the field of youth studies. Simultaneously, we acknowledge the conclusion of a remarkable two-decade-long journey with CIDPA, reflecting on its continuity, quality, recognition, and the trust it has earned within the research community concerning youth-related matters.

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