



INTRODUCTION

Dear reader,

This issue inaugurates volume 4 of Logos Guardia Civil and is, at the same time, an important milestone in the evolution and maturity of the magazine. The publication consolidates the new numbering system based on volume (year) and number, replacing the ordinal numbering previously used. This change responds to the desire to align with the generally accepted standards in the field of scientific journals, facilitating their identification, citation and academic recognition, and highlighting the trajectory and temporal continuity of the publication.



This decision is part of a broader process of editorial consolidation, endorsed by the recent inclusion of Logos Guardia Civil in the Latindex Catalogue 2.0. This achievement is an important recognition of the work carried out in recent issues to strengthen the scientific quality, editorial transparency and methodological rigour of the journal, and is a stimulus to continue advancing in its positioning within the Ibero-American and international academic ecosystem.

The volume now presented also reaffirms the commitment to an open and plural journal, both in disciplinary and linguistic terms. Along with the publication in Spanish, Logos Guardia Civil consolidates the publication of works in English, French and Portuguese, favouring the international projection of the contents and the exchange of knowledge with academic communities from different countries and research traditions. This multilingual vocation responds to the global nature of many of the phenomena analysed and to the journal's commitment to accessible and shared science.

The impact and circulation data for the year 2025 confirm this positive evolution. During this period, the journal has reached almost 70,000 visits, a figure that is more than three times higher than the previous year. This sustained growth reflects not only an increased reach, but also the growing interest in the published content among researchers, security professionals, legal practitioners and the specialised public.

From the scientific point of view, the issue is structured around one collaborative article, eleven research articles and a case law review, making up a balanced and representative set of the thematic lines that define the journal's identity. The volume

opens with a work dedicated to the analysis of the Judicial Police in the face of the reform of criminal procedure, a highly topical issue that invites reflection on the model of criminal investigation and the essential role of specialised police units in any transformation of the system.

The scientific articles address highly relevant issues from historical, legal, criminological, strategic and technological approaches. Some of them revisit past episodes linked to the Guardia Civil, with the aim of critically analysing the construction of certain historical narratives and providing academic clarity in the face of distorted or insufficiently contrasted interpretations. Others focus on contemporary challenges, such as illicit financial flows, Jihadist terrorism and its communicative strategies, extremist propaganda in digital environments or the irruption of new technologies - such as drones - in scenarios of threat and violence.

Citizen security is the subject of a doctrinal analysis that proposes a model structured around prevention, investigation and communication, integrated through mission-oriented leadership. From a complementary perspective, key aspects of professional practice are examined, such as the management of human sources, technological innovation in the field of forensic ballistics or collaboration between public institutions and civil society in dealing with the disappearance of people, highlighting the human and social dimension of security.

The legal-criminal field also includes an outstanding contribution focusing on the crime of driving with manifest disregard for life, analysing its frontiers with the possible intentional homicide and examining the jurisprudential and comparative response to a problem of great social impact.

The issue is completed with the usual review of recent case law from the 2nd Chamber, which addresses issues of notable practical and doctrinal interest, such as searches and searches, the police use of drones, the validity of technological evidence, the actions of undercover agents and the limits between administrative offences and criminal offences. In addition, as a novelty, this time we once again feature a review of the 5th Chamber of the Supreme Court.

With this issue, Logos Guardia Civil reaffirms its commitment to scientific quality, continuous improvement and the dissemination of knowledge applied to security and justice. The evolution of its editorial structure, its growing visibility and its international openness reflect a journal in constant development, faithful to its vocation of public service and to the dialogue between academia and professional practice. On behalf of the entire editorial team, I hope you enjoy it.

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