

A Greeting

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For some years now at UPC, the UNESCO Chair in Technology, Sustainable Development, Imbalances and Global Change has been carrying out a range of teaching and research activities related to sustainability.

One such activity is the magazine SOSTENIBLE? which strives to achieve a multidisciplinary dialogue and has covered a variety of subjects including Globalisation, Biotechnology, the problems concerning Africa, the Agenda 21s and, even Democracy.

We now proudly present this new monographic issue of SOSTENIBLE?, which addresses a subject that has a direct bearing on the activity of a university such as UPC specialising in science and technology.

Techno-scientific research and the direct and daily action of engineers and architects who are transforming the social and natural environment through their professional activity is a regular practice for the teachers and students at UPC. Hence, given their far-reaching consequences on the environment and society, these activities must be considered from an ethical point of view.

The magazine, therefore, serves as a primer to foster debate on technology and ethics and, furthermore, on the ethical accountability of research; an activity that is to be encouraged because it involves self-criticism and an underlying desire to serve society responsibly.