

EDITORIAL

Dear readers

It is with satisfaction that a new issue of *Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento* (RPD) is published, relative to the first semester of 2019. Five articles are presented in this edition, with distinct approaches to the economic, social and environmental development of Brazil.

The first article, *Paraná's Agrarian Structure: a historical perspective and future challenges*, elaborated by Luzia Bucco Coelho, Tissiane Schmidt Dolci, Marcelino de Souza and Angelita Bazotti, presents an analysis of the agricultural structure of the State of Paraná. It was based upon its history of rural occupation and production. Among the characteristics of the process identified by the authors, the elevated number of farmers without formal land rights is especially significant. These farmers face difficulties in order to receive loans, which reduces the competitiveness of their products. Another important point is the pressure large scale grain production has put over small producers, for the purpose of renting or buying their land, reducing food production and contributing to rural migration.

In the following article, *The World Water Forum and FAMA: conflicts and perspectives for the 21st century*, authors Renata de Faria Rocha Furigo and Patricia Rodrigues Samora assess the Brazilian sanitation public policy, through the landscape of the debates held at the World Water Forum, which took place in Brasília in 2018. Among the authors' findings is the contrast between the concepts defended by the organizers, which coincide with the political orientation of privatization of sanitation systems in Brazil, and the approach adopted at the Alternative Water World Forum, which considers water as humanity's common good.

In the third study, *Industrial Policy and Performance of Brazilian Industry in the Decade of 2000*, Aziz Eduardo Calzolaio exams different industrial policies adopted in Brazil and their labour productivity impacts. The author identifies, with shift-share analysis, important differences between two moments. In the first one, an increase in the number of jobs was not followed by growth of industrial transformation value, therefore labour productivity decreased. In the second moment, productivity expands because of reduction of manufacturing costs.

The following article, *Relative Autonomy and Fiscal Decentralization: a Rio Grande do Norte state analysis*, William Gledson e Silva makes a comparative analysis between the behavior of a State VAT, the Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços, and intergovernmental transfers, through the Fundo de Participação dos Estados, from 2004 to 2015. He observed some federative autonomy, since external shocks such as the 2008 crisis forced the states to reformulate their revenue expectations – with direct impact over the execution of their pluriannual plans.

In the last article, *China between Confucianism and Socialism*, authors Igor Zanoni Constant Carneiro Leão and Danilo Ferraz de Oliveira Ogama present a discussion about the trajectory of confucianism in China and how the transition to socialism occurred.

Good readings to all.

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