

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

This new issue of our Journal covering the first half of 2020 brings contributions to the study of relevant themes in Paraná's development agenda by tackling aspects such as the influence of the internal economic performance of a region and, in parallel, of other regions on the local demand of natural resources. Regional economic growth and social development trend elements as expressed by the Human Development Index are also addressed.

A dedicated section of this issue is reserved for tourism. In the "Tourism and Development" dossier, faculty member of the Master's Program in Tourism at the Federal University of Paraná and PhD in regional development Professor José Elmar Feger organizes and introduces several important research contributions to the growth of this expressive sector of economy and society.

Next, in "Water use and inter-regional trade in Paraná: an input-output analysis", Paulo Victor Bistafa and Alexandre Alves Porsse take a methodological approach to quantifying the impact of other Federation unit's economic activity on the water demand of Paraná by using input-output matrices and inter-regional trade flows, pointing out, among other conclusions, the significant influence of the state of São Paulo.

In "Economic growth in western Paraná: an analysis from regional indicators", Caroline Andressa Welter, Alberth Martins Batista, Daniel Amorim Souza Centurião and Ricardo Rippel address nuances of the state's long-term regional economic expansion as a proposal for typifying situations of greater or lesser economic dynamism among municipalities.

Finally, in "Human development in Paraná, advances and challenges" Paulo Roberto Delgado investigates the most recent welfare gain evolution trend in Paraná, highlighting the pace at which the State's Human Development Index has been rising and challenges to be faced for its future improvement.

Good reading!

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