

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

We are happy to bring you this new issue of our Journal, with contributions that will help us to have a better understanding of the State of Paraná.

"The structure of production in Paraná between 2002 and 2018: a shift-share analysis" by Carlos Eduardo Resende e Marcos Minoru Hasegawa depicts how the state's regional production dynamics evolved over the last decade. By taking labor as a reference variable and by using corresponding RAIS administrative data, the authors determine the role of service sectors in Paraná's economy', while highlighting the preponderance of eastern areas in the state's overall performance.

In *"Sectoral Trade Protection Standard in Paraná: a brief note"*, Bruno de Lorenzi Cancelier Mazzuco examines the insertion of Paraná in the international economy by describing the nature of its foreign trade, especially regarding imports. The state's foreign acquisition pattern is evaluated, which is deeply conditioned by regional production traits, their entailed requirements and the national structure of trade protection.

Still on structural aspects of the economy, *"Formal Job Market Evolution in Agribusiness segments of Paraná"* examines the amplitude and behavior of the formal agroindustrial labor market in Paraná between 2012 and 2018. In this contribution, Marcos Paulo Rodrigues de Souza, Jéssica Cristina Ruths and Moacir Piffer point to a relevant change evidenced by a reduction in the number of job positions occupied by less educated workers and higher occupation of positions involving higher levels of education.

In *"Inflation in Metropolitan Curitiba by Income Range: a methodological proposal and analysis"*, an alternative approach is put forward by Murilo de Oliveira Schmidt and Roberto Peredo Zurcher involving the National Broad Consumer Price Index (IPCA) of the National Institute for Geography and Statistics (IBGE), through which inflationary impacts can be discriminated by consumption profile. Impacts are also highlighted affecting food items of lower-income groups.

On rural aspects, *"Economic Feasibility of Power Generation from Pig Farming Residues"* addresses the use of biomass for energy production. The study by Nicolas Lazzaretti Berhorst, Andreas Friedrich Grauer, Daniela Neuffer and Arno Paulo Schmitz presents the minimum feasibility conditions to be met by similar projects, especially those conditions related to herd size. Scope aspects of such projects among pig farmers in southern Brazil are also addressed.

Traits of Paraná's rural activity such as the distribution of establishments by type of incorporation, the occupied area and educational status of the owners, among others, are addressed by Angelita Bazotti and Roberto Carlos Evencio de Oliveira da Silva in *"2017 Agricultural Census: the first results for Paraná"*. The authors also draw attention to more recent structural trends observed in the state's agriculture, such as population aging and the reduction in the number of small rural establishments.

Next, Natalia Guzella Perin and Carlos Alberto Piacenti explore social impacts of public policies. In *“Evaluating the Social impact of road paving in rural Toledo, Paraná”* the researchers present secondary effects of a public policy aimed mainly at preserving local natural resources. Based on field research, the study brings varied perceptions of the region’s residents regarding aspects such as the degree of knowledge about the implemented policy and its effects on student transport, health and education after rural road paving.

Closing this RPD issue, Thiago Luiz de Oliveira da Silva Santos Engel and Rogerio Allon Duenhas approach scope aspects of the legislation aimed at national- and state-level protection of young workers in *“The Apprenticeship Law: an overview of its application in Brazil and Paraná between 2009 and 2019”*. Based on data published in the Annual Report on Social Information (RAIS) and other sources, the study discusses the low effectiveness of the legislation in promoting insertion and apprenticeship opportunities for young workers.

Good reading!

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