

# DOSSIER “STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS OF PARANÁ’S ECONOMY”

## PRESENTATION

As experienced by other Brazilian regions, the early economic stages of Paraná corresponded to a succession of specialized monoculture cycles such as yerba-mate, lumber and coffee. It was only in its second phase of development that the state’s economic matrix – hitherto of limited expression and poorly integrated into the national production scenario – underwent diversification through productive accumulation.

However, despite the relatively late development of the state, production restructuring and economic growth dynamics allowed Paraná to reach the fifth position in the Brazilian GDP ranking. Together with urbanization, metropolization, industrial diversification, integration into national production chains, international insertion, the development of an institutional base, human capital, technology and innovation, technological transformations in the agricultural sector are among the different factors that contributed to this.

The studies in this dossier incite a reflection on the economic development of Paraná from a structural/dynamic perspective, the diversity of topics addressed being depicted by the cloud below, built from the articles’ keywords. Adverse shocks represented by the Covid-19 pandemic and by the water crisis Metropolitan Curitiba faces are discussed in two of the studies. In the realm of policy analysis, two other articles investigate the outcome of both the *Paraná Competitivo* (Competitive Paraná) program and a tax reform by which a value added tax is to be instituted, bringing information relevant to the assessment of the state’s competitiveness. Important structural factors to the economic dynamics of Paraná and its different regions, such as agro-industry dimensioning, export clustering by degree of technological development, spatial allocation of workforce by qualification, along with income generation and appropriation aspects of Curitiba as a population clustering and the remaining areas of Paraná and Brazil are other topics addressed in this dossier.

A word cloud shaped like the map of the state of Paraná, Brazil. The words are in various shades of blue and green, with sizes corresponding to their frequency. The most prominent words are 'Paraná', 'Curitiba', 'Impactos', 'Paranaense', 'Metropolitana', 'Região', 'Econômica', 'Industrial', 'Geração', 'Hídrica', 'EGC', 'Renda', 'Reforma', 'Indústria', 'Mão', 'Correlação', 'Dispersão', 'Espacial', 'Cluster', 'Fluxos', 'Alta', 'Obra', 'ICMS', 'Vantagem', 'Produto', 'Arranjo', 'Comparativa', 'Setorial', 'Exportações', 'Crise', 'Pandemia', 'Sofisticação', 'IVA', 'Aede', 'Análise', 'Exterior', 'Regiões', 'Demanda', 'Modelo', 'Setores', 'Habilidades', 'Média', 'Insumo', and 'Reforma'.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the studies were carried out by researchers from different higher education institutions in Paraná, which ensure their representativeness and quality. We do believe these contributions bring about a reflection on both structural aspects of Paraná's economy – in whole or in its interconnected parts – and the assessment of public and private policies toward a more dynamic economy.

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