

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Instead of the traditional interaction with academia and research networks, this RPD edition brings a series of studies on Parana, exclusively elaborated, in an integrated and cooperative effort, by IPARDES researchers. Taking advantage of the opportunity to converge with this space, the Institute comes here to reproduce and disseminate recently achieved results registered in an institutional report, which obey a line of work derived from concerns of the Government of Parana and its Secretariat of Planning in anticipating and planning the future of the State.

There are eleven articles ahead, organized in two comprehensive sets. The first one is focused on economic issues, initially dealing with the verification of macro-regional components, going through subsequent elaboration of economic growth scenarios, and extending to the crucial issue of productivity. On another front, it proceeds to a reading of the industrial productive structure and the respective foreign trade relations, in order to evaluate the profile of comparative advantages of the local production. Later, the articles deal with the equally important infrastructure topic, with special attention to the transport and energy areas.

The second set of contributions, initiated by the seventh text, is dedicated to themes related to well-being, beginning with the analysis of trends and advancement possibilities of the Parana HDI. The following article considers the topic of life expectancy, with respective evaluation of recent evolution and guidelines proposal for optimization of its future trajectory. The final articles deal with the housing issue, outlining a general overview and indications of future demand for housing in the State, and also assess the theme of basic sanitation, highlighting in this area necessary advances and water demand in the following years.

On behalf of IPARDES team we hope to contribute to Parana's debate and to the regional development discussion in the Brazilian context as well.

A nice reading to all of you.

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