

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento (RPD)* presents the first part of the **Planning and Urban and Regional Administration Dossier**, organized by Rosa Moura, researcher from Instituto Paranaense de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (IPARDES), geographer, doctor in Geography by the Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR), and member of Metropolises Observatory – “Territory, social cohesion and democratic governance” project, INCT/ CNPq.

The dossier compiles articles that analyze the theme, organized in two consecutive sets, published on RPD’s issues 119 and 120. The first issue congregates articles approaching the evaluation of planning and urban and regional administration experiences, implemented on different states of the federation; the second one compiles articles suggesting a reflection about the limitations and possibilities of planning and urban, metropolitan and regional development administration, emphasizing theoretical and conceptual approaches. They also highlight process analysis towards the production of urban space – and its conditional elements, as well as criticisms on the current state of planning and urban and regional administration. Both issues present an unequivocal contribution for the knowledge-deepening about urban and regional contemporary dynamics and their insertion on the country’s planning practices. They also present relevant resources for the formulation of public policies in accordance with such dynamics.

This edition opens with focus on the metropolitan sphere, through the critic perception of Jeroen Klink about the administration of the metropolitan space of Curitiba, in the article “*Restructuring, Competition and Neolocalism. A Critical View on the Production of Space in Greater Curitiba*”. Another examination of metropolitan administration is presented by Sérgio de Azevedo e Virgínia Rennó dos Mares Guia in “*The New Institutional Arrangements of the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte: progress and challenges*”, regarded as one of the models of well succeeded administration amongst brazilian metropolitan regions. Through elements extracted from the experience in the State of São Paulo, Aurea Maria Queiroz Davanzo, Rovena Negreiros and Sarah Maria Monteiro dos Santos enhanced the discussion about metropolitan administration, by opening to debate the article “*The Metropolitan Fact: challenges to governance*”

The urban planning theme, municipal directive plans in particular, is approached by two articles that do not lose sight of the necessary intermunicipal coordination in the case of metropolitan regions. Focused on the experience of the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte, Geraldo Magela Costa, Heloisa Soares de Moura Costa, Fernanda Mesquita Veiga and Matheus de Pinho Talma put into discussion the article *“Master Plans and Territorial Policies: reflections based on transformations in Vetor Norte of MRBH”*. Gislene Pereira is the following on this thematic debate and center attention to the municipalities in the State of Paraná, with the article *“Master Plans in Paraná: a qualitative evaluation”*.

Planning and regional administration towards development are subjects of articles that report experiences from three states, located on different parts of the country. Their plans and regional policies, concerning formulation and implementation, present great specificity. Claudia Siebert creates a broad panorama about the *“Institutional Arrangements and Trajectory of Territorial Planning in Santa Catarina”*. The experience of the State of Pará, with different conditions and chronology, is narrated by José Julio Lima in the article *“Participatory Budget Planning and Regionalization: considerations on the Pluriannual Plan of Pará State – 2007-2010”*. Using the “medium city” framework as one of the referentials for the regional planning at the State of Bahia, Patricia Chame Dias and Mayara Mychella Sena Araújo make advances in the conceptual reflection and in the identification criteria of this category of cities in the article *“Notes about Medium Cities: a proposal to Bahia”*.

Other articles approach specific questions regarding to both planning and urban and regional administration. The municipalities or regions from State of Paraná are their analytical framework, but reach conclusions that may be generalized and may improve the debate about the theme. Alexandre Gomes Ferreira and Olga Lúcia Castregini de Freitas Firkowski approach the presence of large commercial objects in the process of urban-regional production of space, with the article *“Shopping Malls in Curitiba: spatial context and scope of the urban economy”*. Edmilson Alves Lopes and Francisco de Assis Mendonça make a critical reflection about environmental administration in the article *“Analysis of the Urban Socio-environmental Conflicts in the Territorial Unit of Planning of Pinhais”*. The same region is the subject of the article by Carlos Ritter, approaching the presence of large residential condominiums and their socio-spatial impacts in *“The Alphaville Within the Metropolitan Agglomeration of Curitiba”*. Tanize Tomasi Alves and Cílician Luiza Löwen Sahr bring to reflection the current matter about *quilombolas* in the article *“Land Registration in the Black Ribeira Valley: incompatibilities between networks and scales”*.

IPARDES expects the contribution from the articles that comprise this issue may amplify the debate, emphasize the Planning and Urban and Regional Administration theme, and insert it in the agenda of researchers, policy makers and public administrators.

We wish all a pleasant reading and invite you to examine the next issue of Revista, in which the second part of the *Planning and Urban and Regional Administration* Dossier is found.

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