

EDITORIAL

This issue of *Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento* brings, in its first part, the Latin America Dossier, which approaches economic and sociological aspects of this region, in different dimensions of study. Professors Gabriel Porcile, Ph.D. in Economic History from the London School of Economics, and João Basílio Pereira Neto, Ph.D. in Economic Development from the Federal University of Paraná organized this section.

After the Dossier, the Articles section presents six studies covering the productive structure of Paraná in the industrial, agricultural and international trade areas. This section also features discussions that approach the development of indicators to guide public policies in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, the need to reassess the metropolitan regions of Paraná and the issue of human development in the State of Ceará.

In the first article of this section, entitled Institutional Elements and the transformation of the productive structure of Paraná in the seventies, the authors Bernardo Piccoli M. Braga and Marcelo Luiz Curado analyze the process of transformation of the productive structure and the importance of the “Paraná Development Project” for the performance of the State’s economy in the Decade of 1970.

In the following article, authors João Felema, Carlos Roberto Ferreira, Aricieri Devidé Junior and Ovidio Cesar Barbosa check the productivity indicators of different regions of Paraná, with the objective of identifying the existence of regional disparities in the productivity and its determinants. The article is entitled Agribusiness in Paraná: regional productivity inequalities in the years 1995/96 and 2006 (census held those years).

In International trade specialization pattern of Paraná in the period 2001-2011, Gilberto Joaquim Fraga and Caio Cezar Paganini analyze the productive sectors that export the most in Paraná, and the level of specialization of the products exported, with the objective of identifying the development of the most dynamic productive sectors in exports in Paraná in the analyzed period.

Next, Paul R. A. Brene, Umberto A. Sesso Filho and Armando J. Dalla Costa study the feasibility of the use of indicators drawn from the input-output matrix, as a reference to economic behavior in the States, Micro-regions and Municipalities. The other objective is to guide the development of public policies, in the article entitled Analysis of the feasibility of the use of indicators from regional input-output matrices estimated: presentation and testing of the methodological approach.

As a result, the author Fábio César Alves da Cunha analyzes the discrepancy that exists between institutionalism and spatiality in the metropolitan regions of Paraná, noting the difficulties of these regions to implement themselves as instances of planning in the article Metropolitan regions of Paraná: mismatch between spatiality and institutionalism and the need for institutional reform.

Finishing this section, in the article Evaluating the conditions of opportunity from the IOH throughout the Decade of 2000: evidence for Ceará, the authors Daniel Cirilo Suliano, Vitor Hugo Miro and Jaime Jesus Filho approach the issue of human development, noting how the difficulty of access to educational and housing basic services during childhood influences in the development of individuals.

We wish you all a good reading.

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