

## EDITORIAL

This issue of the Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento brings, in its first part, the *BRICS analysis as per Brazilian perspective* Dossier, which seeks to identify the existing connection among BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), and how Brazil is inserted in such context. This Dossier was organized by Professor Antonio Adalmir Marquetti, PhD in Economics by New School for Social Research, New York, United States.

After the Dossier, the Articles section presents six studies whose topics cover the regional inequalities in its diverse aspects, dealing with issues involving higher education, urban network, rural-urban commuting, migration, and strategies for rural development.

In the first article of this section, entitled as *Higher education and regional inequalities: notes of the recent experience of Brazil*, the authors Clélio Campolina Diniz and Danilo Jorge Vieira examine key aspects of the recent growth process and spatial decentralization of the higher education system of the country, indicating the key trends for scientific and technological development.

In the following article entitled *Studies of Urban Networks in Brazil: Reflections over methodological changes*, the author Fernanda Cantarim performs a review towards major national publications which analyses the behavior of the urban network, with the purpose to discuss the methodological advances noticed in ground studies.

In the third article, *The rural-urban commuting in the West coast region of Paraná*, the authors Adriana Eliane Casagrande and Edson Belo Clemente de Souza analyze the influence that the rural areas exerts towards urban areas and urban towards the rural, evidencing which technologies are urban technologies and services used by farmers and the impact of the consumption of the rural population upon the regional economy.

Subsequent, in the article entitled as *The presence and northeastern mobility in Maringá: new aspects of regional history*, the author Leticia Fernandes analyzes the intense northeastern process of migration to the city of Maringá during the expansion of coffee farming. Based on data from electoral cards it shows how was the remigration process of such group after the coffee cycle terminated in the region, being possible to identify the effects of socioeconomic reordering towards the region and the State.

In the fifth article entitled *The diversification as a replacement strategy over tobacco farming in a family property in the Southeastern Paraná*, Maria de Fatima dos Santos Ribeiro, Roger Daniel de Souza Milléo and Dirk Claudio Ahrens present a case study of a family facility, in which a tobacco farming had an important contribution over income accrual, and it was gradually replaced for other activities.

Concluding this section, in the article *Social Capital and Dairy Network of São Jorge D'Oeste in Paraná*, the authors Marcelo Tavares, Marcos Junior Marini and Antonio Cavalcante de Almeida analyze the social capital in the dairy network of São Jorge D'Oeste, revealing the existing social capital to contribute to the development of producers bringing benefits and gains by the bonds of trust, reciprocity and cooperation.

We wish you all a good reading.

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