

## EDITORIAL

Dear reader, we are pleased to present you this January-June 2018 issue of the *Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento* (RPD). In the first section, as usual, you will find a thematic dossier. Six articles address recent development aspects of northeastern Brazil. The dossier was organized by PhD from the Federal University of Paraná and Professor at the Federal University of Alagoas Thierry Molnar Prates. Following the dossier are six other articles on different aspects of regional development.

In their article *Universities and local socio-cultural development: a study on the performance of UFLA in the micro-region of Lavras, MG*, Luciana Braga Silveira, Patrícia Aparecida Ferreira and Eloísa Helena de Souza Cabral investigate how academic institutionalization of culture reverberates through municipal sociocultural development policies.

In *Religion and economic growth in Paraná from 2000 to 2010: an analysis*, Luan Vinicius Bernardelli and Ednaldo Michelin make use of statistical methods to assess the influence of religion on the per capita income in Paraná.

In the third article of the dossier, *Dialogue, topics and recurrence in the study of Brazilian cities*, Deborah Galvão Schirmer and Clovis Ultramari bring us a literature review of urban management trends and influences on the Brazilian academic production from 1999 to 2017.

Gilcindo de Castro Corrêa Neto, Marcos Junior Marini and Marcio Gazolla discuss state policies for the local development of clusters in their *Public policies for clusters in southern Brazil: an analysis*. The article presents how the topic has been covered in the 2012-2015 and 2016-2019 multi-annual plans of the three southernmost states of Brazil.

In *Expanded economic development indicators for municipalities of Paraná*, Carlos Alberto Piacenti e Samara Cristina Viecei Piacenti make use of factorial analysis to evaluate some socioeconomic and institutional indicators in Paraná. These authors put forward an endogenous municipal development potential indicator.

Richardson Guenther Schechi, Nivaldo Eduardo Rizzi and Ingrid Illich Muller propose an enhanced water charge model for Paraná, by inserting a water availability coefficient that takes physical characteristics of watersheds into account. In their *Regionalization of water charges: the Pequeno river case in São José dos Pinhais, Paraná*, the authors present the case study of a municipality of Metropolitan Curitiba.

This issue of RPD closes with an analysis of theoretical approaches to development in “What to do to develop?”, an Alexandre Assis Tomporoski’s review of *Teorias do Desenvolvimento: aproximações teóricas que tentam explicar as possibilidades e desafios quanto ao desenvolvimento de lugares, regiões, territórios ou países* (*Development theories: theoretical approximations to explain possibilities and challenges to the development of places, regions, territories or countries*) by Valdir Roque Dallabrida.

Good reading!

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