



Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies now provides the first issue of volume nine, year 2019, bringing themes of profound relevance to Latin America, both in terms of the conjuncture and the structural problems that continue to be analyzed researchers and the struggle of the people.

The first article comes from Mexico, authored by Professor Jaime Osório, "**Epistemic questions in the analysis of dependence and dependent capitalism**". In the text Osório tries to clarify some central points in the controversy on the renovation of the Marxist theory of the dependence formulated by Claudius Katz. Next we have the text of Gilberto Felisberto Vasconcellos: "**Machado de Assis: the crime, the criminal, the criminalized, the criminalist**", in which he examines the work of the Brazilian writer Machado de Assis from these four perspectives.

Mariano Félix and Julián Pierino Pedrazzi present the text "**Dependence, exchange rate and value: Reviewing the articulation between the Marxist theory of dependence and the Marxist theory of the exchange rate**", seeking to articulate the traditional debates about the unequal exchange and the theory of the with a discussion of a more concrete plan for exchange rate policy. Anna Lyvia Roberto Custódio Ribeiro discusses the "**Dilemmas of agrarian reform in Brazil**", showing the essentiality of agrarian reform as a state policy for economic development and the consequent overcoming of the great problems present in the rural scope.

The theme of the fight against drugs is presented by Marcelo Bidoia dos Santos and Eder Aparecido de Paula in the text "**On the other side of the front: war on drugs and public policies in Brazil in the light of international regulatory experiences**", promoting a progressive criticism of the adoption of alternative measures to the current drug policy in Brazil, bring to the debate non-prohibitionist arguments. Cristiano Cezar de Oliveira Passos presents some interfaces between the set of violations committed by the Brazilian military dictatorship (1964-1985) and the impacts caused on indigenous peoples and territories in the Amazon region in the text "**Violations against the rights of indigenous peoples and socioenvironmental impacts in Brazil between 1964 and 1985**".

Closing the section of articles Dimitrius Gonçalves Machado and Michelle Alves Monteiro present the text **"The Refugee at the Margin: A Dialogue between the "Tourist" and "Vagabundo", from Bauman, and Human Rights"**, bringing a reflection on the issue of refugees, as marginalized and stigmatized subjects, from their dehumanization. Finally, Nelson Kautzner Marques Junior, in the text **"Venezuela: The Benefits of the Bolivarian Revolution for Health, Education and Sport"**, points out the advances and difficulties of the Venezuelan government in the sports field, linking health and education.

The review of this edition is by Hugo F. Corrêa: **"A landmark for the end of a long exile" (Review of the book Marxist Theory of Dependence: problems and categories - a historical view, by Mathias S. Luce)"** in which he presents the general contours of the work and highlights, in the light of the historical context in which it was produced, its merits within the current debate on the Marxist Theory of Dependence.

The photo essay, produced by professor and journalist Roseméri Laurindo, brings the beauty and magic of popular culture revealed in the **"Parintins Festival"**, a festival that takes place in the heart of the Amazon, always in June, when the two famous "oxen", Guaranteed and Capricious, meet in dance and stories.

Enjoy reading!

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