

The new issue of the Brazilian Journal of Public Administration (RAP) is now available (vol.51, no 2). The journal edited by the Brazilian School of Public Administration at the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV EBAPE) features 08 original articles focusing on studies about public policies on fighting poverty.

The Editor-in-chief Professor Alketa Peci co-authors the editorial with Professor **Marcelo Neri**, director of FGV Social. They highlight that fighting poverty and dealing with the social problems related to it have been one of the goals of the actions of the modern state, either explicitly or implicitly. For the last two decades, Brazil was able to elaborate and implement a sophisticated set of strategies to fight poverty, which nowadays is considered as a benchmark to several developing countries. Moreover, this set of strategies has gradually articulated an elaborated network of public administrators and managerial technologies which provided content and strength to, until then, fragile public management systems, as was the case of the social service.

The articles published in this issue presents some of the most recent elements of the technical literature, such as subjective and multidimensional indicators, the inclusion of historical perspectives and international comparisons regarding public policies on fighting poverty. For example, the article entitled “A next generation of conditional cash transfer programs”, by **Marcelo Neri**, discusses the recent expansion and the future of the CCTs through the integration of previous empirical analysis on this matter. The authors Jéssica Pulino Campara, Kelmara Mendes Vieira and Ani Caroline Grigion Potrich, present the article “Overall life satisfaction and financial well-being: revealing the perceptions of the beneficiaries of the Bolsa Família Program”, which analyzes the relations between subjective dimensions revealed in a perception survey with 595 people benefited from the main Brazilian CCT.

The article “Home services for children and adolescents: feedback effects, reflections and current challenges”, written by Geralda Luiza de Miranda, reconstitutes the history that shaped these social services institutions dedicated to vulnerable children and adolescents. Then, Andréa Ferreira da Silva, Janaildo Soares de Sousa and Jair Andrade Araujo, authors of “Evidences on multidimensional poverty in the northern region of Brazil”, estimate the proportion of multidimensional poor living in the North of the country. Further, the article “Multidimensional poverty in the state of Bahia: a spatial analysis from the censuses of 2000 and 2010”, by Eli Izidro dos Santos, Ícaro Célio Santos de Carvalho and Ricardo Candéa Sá Barreto analyze the spatial behavior of poverty in the state, providing evidences of clusters of regional poverty.

This issue also presents the article “The effect of allocation function in budgeting to reduce income inequality in Brazil: an analysis of spending on education and health from 1995 to 2012”, by Giovanni Pacelli Carvalho Lustosa da Costa and Ivan Ricardo Gartner, which analyzes the links between public spending with education and health and the variation in indexes of income inequality in the Brazilian states. Furthermore, “Poverty lines in the Brasil Sem Miséria Plan: a review and proposed alternatives in poverty measurement according to the methodology of Sonia Rocha”, written by Giordano Benites Tronco and Marília Patta Ramos, that claims for the regionalization of the official poverty line, adopting automatic indexation based on the consumer basket values observed in different areas of the country.

Finally, political and historical aspects are also presented by Hemerson Luiz Pase and Cláudio Corbo Melo in the last article of this issue entitled “Public policies for transferring income in Latin America”. The article correlates the implementation of CCTs in 06 countries of the region and their respective redemocratization processes, considering the emergence of reformist political elites and coalitions motivated to fight poverty through welfare programs.

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