EDITOR’S NOTE¹

BRAZIL AND THE OECD IN REVISTA TEMPO DO MUNDO

Revista Tempo do Mundo’s thematic scope is Political Economy and International Relations, as well as the great academic and political debates that these topics fuel. The journal’s approaches are plural on the key dimensions of development, such as economic, political, social, and sustainability issues.

From this perspective, the journal seeks to contribute to Ipea’s goal of strengthening the dialogue between scholars and public policymakers, being an excellent platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge that enables, simultaneously, the monitoring of cutting-edge research and the support to the public policy formulation in favor of the country’s development.

Revista Tempo do Mundo’s 25th issue, which has as its theme Brazil in the OECD, fully accomplishes the institutional objectives of this journal and its launch webinar is a clear expression of its relevance. In addition to presentations from three of the authors that comprise this issue, the event on April 26, 2021 will bring together important representatives of the three ministries that are most directly involved in the process of Brazil’s accession to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Erivaldo Alfredo Gomes, Secretary for International Economic Affairs at Ministry of Economy, and Sarquis José Buainain Sarquis, Secretary for Foreign Trade and Economic Affairs at the Ministry of External Relations will attend the opening session of the event. The purpose of the event is to present a compilation of thirteen articles by authors from different institutions, on the theme of Brazil in the OECD, from multiple perspectives. Demonstrating the relevance of the theme, and the publication, for the Brazilian public debate and for the agenda of the federal government.

Currently, the country’s accession to the OECD is a central objective of Brazilian foreign policy. This process entails the need for legislative and institutional changes in the areas of Anti-Corruption and Integrity, Capital Flow Liberalization Codes, Intangible Asset Flow Codes, and environmental issues, among others. In all of them, Brazil has undertaken efforts to align its legislation and practices according to the organization’s recommendations. In this issue, coordinated by professors Renato Baumann and Otaviano Canuto,

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there is a wide range of articles that reflect on the costs and benefits of Brazil’s accession to the OECD. The potential political and economic consequences are debated in this issue, considering Brazilian interests and experiences of other countries in Latin America as well as in developed countries. Specific themes such as exports, investments, digital transformations, sustainability, capital movements, cooperation and digital governance in public administration are also analyzed in depth.

This first issue of 2021 will be followed by two others, which will address topics of the highest relevance to the public debate on Brazil’s strategies for development and international insertion. The second edition, to be published in August, will be entitled Comparative Public Policies for the post-Covid-19 Recovery and will be coordinated by Professor Marc Lavoie, from the University of Ottawa, and Claudio Amitrano, researcher at Ipea. The third, entitled The Challenges of the Amazon, will be coordinated by Rosalía Arteaga, former president of Ecuador and first Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA). For this third issue, articles can be submitted from June to July, and it will be published in December 2021.

In 2020 Revista Tempo do Mundo had already addressed other three equally relevant themes: The 10 Years of the Brics, Integration and Fragmentation of South America, and China-Latin America Relations. Together they gathered 37 articles by authors from institutions from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Venezuela, United States and South Africa. The papers were published in their original languages: nineteen in Portuguese, ten in English, and eight in Spanish. All issues had a launch webinar and a second webinar with selected articles and authors with the purpose of increasing the articles’ reach, promoting further exchange of ideas between authors, and deepening the debate with the audience.

Exclusively from the academic qualification standpoint, Revista Tempo do Mundo could receive a better evaluation if it did not focus on the publication of thematic issues and prioritized submissions of articles on a continuous base – calls for the Continuous Flow section are still open on its website. However, it is understood that there are greater gains when providing an in-depth debate on themes that are of great relevance to the public and governmental agendas, if the journal brings together articles on the same theme in a single issue.

The editorial decision is to strengthen the catalyzing character of the dialogue between scholars and policymakers through calls for papers on themes of notable importance. The three issues for 2022 have already been defined: New Technologies and International Relations for the 28th issue, Regional Security
and Defense for the 29th issue, and International Development Finance for the 30th issue.

Revista Tempo do Mundo has been improving its scientific quality through the full compliance with the objectives in its Statute, Bylaw, and Work Plan. With the purpose of reducing endogeny and increasing academic plurality and institutional, geographic, and gender diversity, the Academic Advisory Council is composed of 42 members from fifteen countries and all the five regions of Brazil. Of its members, 48% are from foreign institutions and 45% are female scholars from Brazil, Latin America, China, United States, India, and Russia. The journal is indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Public Knowledge Project (PKP/Index), Sistema Regional de Información en Línea para Revistas Científicas de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal (Latindex) and Diadorim (Directory of Editorial Policies of Brazilian Academic Journals) and is currently in the process of being indexed in other relevant directories, such as the Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO). The goals set for 2024 might be reached this year, which would lead to the anticipation of the next planning cycle, which should include the incorporation of new digital technologies by 2022.

From this year on, Revista Tempo do Mundo will join the two most traditional journals of Ipea, Planejamento e Políticas Públicas (PPP) and Pesquisa e Planejamento Econômico (PPE), in the Excellence in Research Award “Prêmio Ipea Roberto Campos” for the two most outstanding academic articles of the previous year.

During the final editing process, we received, with great sorrow, the news of the passing of Matheus Henrique de Souza Santos, author of one of the articles that compose this issue. A young 30-year-old researcher, who had taught at São Paulo State University (Unesp) in Araraquara and was pursuing his doctorate in the Graduate Program in Science and Technology Policy at University of Campinas (Unicamp). As a victim of Covid-19, he left behind a wife, two children, and contributions to the development of our country. This issue is dedicated to the memory of Matheus Santos.

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