

EDITORIAL

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This year's first edition starts with a thank you to all of APGS's friends and collaborators for their trust and support while contributing with the submission, evaluation, indication and editorial management of scientific articles and teaching cases in the field of public sciences.

In the sense of ever enhancing our actions, our editorial team is making continuous efforts to index our journal's publications in internationally expressive databases, such as the "Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal Scientific Journals Network" (Redalyc), which confirmed in 2014 the conditioned inclusion of the APGS Journal to their database.

In this sense, we would like to highlight the importance of financing for the maintenance of scientific journals by financing agencies, such as that of the "Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa no Estado de Minas Gerais" (FAPEMIG), which the APGS Journal obtained in Edict 5/2014. This form of support contributes with the maintenance and the enhancement of the quality of the work that our editorial team has been conducting, as well as the increase in the number of published papers, which are to go from five to six, starting in 2015.

In addition to this, this edition closes the mandate for the very noble and honorable position I have held as Scientific Editor in Chief of the APGS Journal between 2012-2014, encompassing sixteen editions (from v. 3, n. 2 to v. 7, n. 1).

In 2015, I will be part of the Council of Editorial Policy for the APGS Journal, aiming to continue with my contribution to the diffusion of the intellectual production in the field of Public Administration and Social Management, remaining available. As the academic community should know by now, Prof. Wescley Silva Xavier will be taking my place as the Scientific Editor in Chief.

The scientific papers of this edition are on important themes for the development of countries: ethics, food, safety, public-private partnership, deliberative democracy, community funding, culture, and entrepreneurship.

The first article, **Public Ethics Committee: The Brazilian Experience**, written by Annita Valléria Calmon Mendes, a federal civil servant of the Fundação Alexandre de Gusmão (FUNAG), a foundation bound to the Ministry of External Relations in Brazil, Luiz Fernando de Macedo Bessa, and Suylan de Almeida Midlej e Silva, professors at the Universidade de Brasília (UnB), analyses the Ethics Management System of the Federal Executive Power in Brazil. The authors conduct the analysis by observing that, despite the fact that the managing resources and tools were used on a growing scale, the social participation was restricted to determined groups and did not achieve the decisive ambit, presenting risks to quality public management.

Lethality in Police Action: Challenges for the Consolidation of a Public Policy Agenda in the State of São Paulo is the second article in this issue, written by Samira Bueno, from the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV). In this work, the authors seek to understand why safety public policies with a focus on the control of police lethality seem to be losing centrality in the political agenda from the twenty-first century onwards in Brazil.

Written by Thiago Ferreira Dias, from the Universidade Federal Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), and Leonardo Andrade Rocha, from the Universidade Federal Rural do Semi-Árido (UFERSA), the third article, under the title of **The Food Acquisition Program for Family Agriculture (PAA) and Its Effects on the Municipalities of the State of Rio Grande do Norte from 2005 to 2011**, analyzes the effects of operationalization of this program, with a focus on the impact of federal spending, regarding the

purchases of offered products, on the growth of GDP per capita for the studied municipalities.

Bureaucracy and Economics of Transaction Costs: an analysis of the relationship between UFPE and the Abreu e Lima Refinery, of Petrobrás, written by Liliane Aparecida da Silva Santos and Denílson Bezerra Marques, both from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), observe, within the fourth article, that the relationship between the UFPE and the refinery studied is viewed positively by those involved. However, it presents risks due to the existence of opportunistic behavior, to the high degree of administrative centralization and to the lack, by the university, of a management model that provides a better interaction between the university and the company.

Entitled **Social Management and Construction of Common Spaces: Reflections from the Community Banks Network of Brazil**, by Ariádne Scalfoni Rigo, from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA), and Airton Cardoso Cançado, from the Federal University of Tocantins (UFT), the fifth article of this issue notes that the community banks conduct the collective management of resources and activities by building public spaces characterized by their proximity and political articulation. They emphasized the importance of interpersonal and neighborhood relations in the decision-making process, as well as a process of institutionalization, which allows for the public support and funding and the discussion of sustainability initiatives of community banks.

The sixth article, **The Emergence of Educational and Cultural Entrepreneurship: The Young Craftsman Training Program** was approved in the 2014 fast track scheme of the event "Encontro de Estudos em Empreendedorismo e Gestão de Pequenas Empresas" (EGEPE), in partnership with the "Associação Nacional de Estudos em Empreendedorismo e Gestão de Pequenas Empresas" (ANEGEPE). Written by Jefferson Lindbergh de Sousa, Fernando Gomes de Paiva Júnior and José Lindenberg Julião Xavier Filho, from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), this paper discusses entrepreneurship in the context of culture (specifically regarding museums), which has also been considered a segment of creative economy in several countries. The contribution of this paper lies in its demonstration of entrepreneurship in culture as a form of social action that promotes collective, emancipatory benefits to all citizens.

Finally, before our wishing of an excellent reading of the APGS articles, we would like to remind our readers and potential authors of the importance of submitting paper according to the *American Psychological Association* (APA) criteria as a way of contributing to the international visualization of this journal.

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