

EDITORIAL

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The RPPI and its future path.

The Brazilian Journal of Public and International Policies (RPPI) greets the esteemed members of the editorial board, area editors, editing assistants, authors, reviewers, and readers.

The beginning of this year was marked by the transition of the RPPI's Editors in Chief. Prof. Alexandre Cesar Cunha Leite, who dedicated his editorial work for years, leaves the Editorial-Chief. We are very grateful to Prof. Alexandre in recognition of his work for the growth of RPPI.

Since May/22, Prof. Anderson Rafael Nascimento. Working in the area of public policy, social participation, and local governments, Prof. Anderson approached RPPI when he was Visiting Professor at the Public Management and International Cooperation Program at the Federal University of Paraíba in 2020 and 2021.

With great satisfaction, we present the first number of the RPPI in the year 2022 (1.2022). The articles published here resulted from the double editorship, with some having been approved by the first editor, and others that have already passed through the current editor. The number presented is dense with interdisciplinary contributions and different themes. This has been the characteristic of the RPPI, which has the merit of being able to cover a wide range of topics. On the other hand, this merit also brings a challenge, as it means that the RPPI has to have a large number of associated reviewers in different areas of knowledge. The revision is in the contemporary context, a challenge for scientific journals, and the variety of topics increases this difficulty.

As a way to face this challenge, and to seek new paths for its publications, RPPI starts to establish a new procedure for submitted articles. Now the process of publishing the RPPI goes through three stages, before arriving at the opinion. The first stage deals with a formal evaluation and configurations of the articles received. It consists of analyzing whether the article follows the journal's submission rules. If it is out of the submission standard, the article goes back to the authors for review processes and a resubmission. This is an important step, as it seeks to correct configuration problems and saves more work at the time of the magazine's final edition.

The second stage is the analysis made by the collegiate of the magazine's editors, area editors, and editor-in-chief. This is a more thorough assessment and analyzes the article based on the quality and interest of RPPI in publishing it. At that moment, the article can be rejected in desk review and if this occurs, the article does not have a new submission opportunity.

Finally, the third stage consists of sending the article to the reviewers. These preliminary steps help filter the article's quality for the later work done by the reviewers.

An editorial novelty is a dialogue that the Journal starts to establish with the authors to receive indications of possible names and researchers who work in the area of knowledge of the article and who may be potential reviewers. This is a moment that still maintains the requirements for blind evaluations, as the author indicates the names, but the contact with the nominees is entirely made by the RPPI. This procedure can help speed up the search for referees, as it brings the themes closer to researchers/specialists.

We understand that only the quality of the reviews and, above all, the subsequent relationship and dialogue of the reviews by the authors with these evaluations and the evaluators will enable a better evaluation of the RPPI.

Another challenge for RPPI is related to the number of articles received. The Covid19 Pandemic in its early years caused an unexpected increase in scientific articles, as already seen in numerous studies. However, with time, and the challenges imposed on scientific research in a pandemic context, the number of scientific articles have shown decreased. Finally, we cannot fail to relate this decrease to the scarcity of financial resources for maintenance and investment in science & technology in our country, a result of the latest government administrations and aggravated by the current government.

The challenges are great, but the RPPI will remain firm in its path of improvement and in the purpose of being a channel for the dissemination of scientific

research that addresses issues of Public Management and Public Policies at two levels: domestic and international.

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