



Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies began in 2011, in partnership with the Group of Research Organization & Práxis Libertadora, UFRGS, aiming to bring to the discussion the burning issues of the continent, historically so little known among Brazilians. It is therefore gratifying for the entire team to reach the seventh volume of this publication, closing an important cycle of beginning, construction and consolidation. The magazine is growing every year and is already an important reference for researchers in various areas, since it is multidisciplinary.

For this first issue of volume seven we bring the text by Fernando Gabriel Romero Wimer, "**The Critique of Imperialism and its Relation to the Agrarian Question in the Political and Academic Thinking of Argentinian Marxism**", in which he examines the main contributions that, within Marxism, have given the incidence of foreign capital in the economy, the connection with the agrarian world and the configuration of Argentina as a dependent country. Following the text of Guillermo Martín Caviasca, "**History as Necessary Truth: Polemics with Orthodoxies, Postmodernism, Cosmopolitanism and the Diverse Subject**", also portraying the Argentinian reality, discussing the idea of "reports" as possible fiction posed in the service of popular causes.

Tiago Soares Nogara and Thiago Prestes de Oliveira discuss in the text "**The MBR-200 and the prolonged confrontation with neoliberalism**" the main elements responsible for the shaping of the Chavista phenomenon, analyzing the political developments of the reforms implemented in the first years of the government of Hugo Chávez. Diogo Oliveira Silva presents a parallel between the insertion of Brazil in the global productive chains (GPC) and the proposals for flexibilization of Mercosur that came from the country through its public authorities, in the text "**From the global production chains to Sinceramiento: Brazilian agribusiness and Mercosur**". Domingos Alves de Almeida and Julie Lemos Bohórquez discuss and analyze the changes in foreign policy and economic relations between the United States and Cuba, starting with the reestablishment of the diplomatic relations between these countries in 2016, in the text "**Cuba receives Obama: Perspective of changes in foreign policy and in the economic relations of the United States with Cuba**".

Continuing through the articles session, Elissandro dos Santos Santana, Jesús Ibáñez Ojeda and Wanderley dos Reis Nascimento Júnior present a comparative analysis of the integration models of the divergent regional blocs: the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of America (ALBA-TCP) and the Alliance of the Pacific, in the text entitled "**Divergent Regional Integration Models: The ALBA-TCP case and the Pacific Alliance**". Then, in the article "**Analyzes of the spheres of power of the Plurinational State of the Republic of Ecuador**", Karen Bombón Pozo and Lucas Arantes Miotti bring a reflection on the Ecuadorian State, which underwent a new conformation in the 2008 Constituent. And, to close this issue, the text "**Venezuela: another look is possible**", by Nagib Aouar Claudino, regarding Venezuelan politics.

There are two reviews in this issue: "**Theater of the oppressed and other political poetics, Augusto Boal**", by Maurício Silva, and "**Politics of Enmity**" by Susan de Oliveira.

The photographic essay "**The Exodus of the Eastern People**" brings the images of the path traveled by the team of the documentary "Artigas, a way", made in neighboring Uruguay and produced by journalist Elaine Tavares. The photos are by Rubens Lopes.

Good reading!

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