



## Editorial

The Institute of Latin American Studies, from UFSC, and the Research Group Organization and Liberating Praxis, from UFRGS, offer another edition of the Journal of Latin American Studies (REBELA).

This initiative to disseminate critical thinking formulated in Brazil and in other countries of Our America was born in 2011, when Latin America was consolidating a process of discussion and deepening of integration that went beyond the commercial proposal. Now, six years since the first issue of the journal, the continent undergoes political and social turmoil, becoming criticism and analysis increasingly necessary.

In this second issue of **Volume 6** we opened with the text of the Ecuadorian René Bález, "**Life and work of Agustín Cueva**", which shows the history of life and brainwork of who is one of the most important intellectuals of Ecuador and Latin American Social Sciences, Agustín Cueva, responsible for very important works in fields of sociology, literature and debate on capitalist development in Latin American National States. Then we have the contribution of Mexican Jose Carlos Valenzuela Feijóo, with the text "**The Neoliberal Mexico: Economy and social decomposition**", which presents a discussion on the field of neoliberal policies in Mexico and the social perspectives regarding the future.

Following is the Brazilian Gilberto Felisberto Vasconcellos and the text "**The Dialectical Thought of Luís da Câmara Cascudo and the 60 years of the Brazilian Folklore Dictionary**" with an analysis of the work of important Brazilian thinker Luis da Cascudo and his famous dictionary.

Another article available is the "**Dependence, imperialism and capital-imperialism: the dynamics of the Brazilian position in Latin America**", of Meire Mathias and Cassius M. T. M. B. de Brito. In this text the authors discuss the country's situation in the current dynamics of the world capitalist accumulation, in view of the organization of capitalist states in the international system. The next text is "**The São Paulo Foro and Worker Party's foreign policy: convergence or divergence in government Lula da Silva and Dilma Rouseff**", of Mariana Maia Ruivo, Giordano de Sousa Almeida and Sara Toledo. They seek to identify

possible similarities between the proposals of the Sao Paulo Forum (SPF) and the Brazilian Foreign Policy (BFP), between 2003 and 2014.

Then we have the "**People sovereignty and participation in Latin American New Constitutionalism: an analysis of the Venezuelan Constitution of 1999**", of Marcel Soares De Souza, which analyzes the relationship between popular sovereignty and constitution from the Venezuelan experience, embodied in the *Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, enacted on December 15, 1999.

Mario Costa de Paiva Guimaraes Jr. and Tiago Camarinha Lopes bring the text "**The combined and uneven development: parallels between the 'History of the Russian Revolution' of Trotsky and 'Dialectics of Dependence' of Ruy Mauro Marini**" and compare passages specific to the two works with respect to the Law of Uneven and Combined Development. Soon after, as the last article, we have "**The meaning of work in the context of structural crisis of capital**", of Alexander Macedo Pereira, Luciana Dolci Neto and Leila Salles da Costa, discussing the structural crisis of capital in the context of Brazil ( 2008-2016), and its consequence in the social, political, economic and ethical.

The review "**Dependency and Marxism: Much more than a collection**", is from Maicon Cláudio da Silva, who presents the book *Dependency and Marxism: Contributions to the critical Latin American debate*, organized by Raphael Lana Seabra, bringing together six articles on the subject of dependency.

The Photo Essay is of the young photographer Felipe Maciel Martins, who presents the "**Cultural Action by Freedom: CIRCULA in Ocupação do Contestado**" in which records the intervention of the Latin American and Caribbean Film Circuit Alí Primera (CIRCULA) in Occupation of Contestado, located in São José (SC).

We leave you with a great quality issue that has important contributions to think about Latin America.

Good reading.

Editorial Collective.