



Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies, which has the joint coordination of IELA and Grupo de Pesquisa Organização & Práxis Libertadora, from UFRGS, presenting another edition, bringing relevant themes to the examination of Latin America.

To this issue we have the text of **Plinio de Arruda Sampaio Junior**, "The Brazil-US relationship: the myth of the independent foreign policy", which seeks to understand the Brazilian foreign policy in the context of US imperial domination, eliminating the mythology created in Brazil under President Lula according to which the country inaugurated a new diplomatic phase, marked by independence and sovereignty. Then **Luis Felipe Aires Magalhães**, in the text "Haiti is here: Brazilian sub-imperialism and the Haitians in Santa Catarina - SC" reveals as follows in Haiti the historical validity of the "development of underdevelopment" in an economic and social formation dependent, and shows how it has consolidated a migrating tradition in the country. **Gilberto Felisberto Vasconcellos**, with its peculiar worth, presents the text "Selfdevelopment: alcohol's microdistilleries in Minas Gerais", which discusses the concept of selfdevelopment anchored in thinking about biomass, prepared by the physicist **Bautista Vidal**. **Nildo Domingos Ouriques** analyzes the serious consequences of Venezuela's economic policy that to keep the exchange control while it has an open capital account, in the text "Development policy and transition to socialism" revealing a strategic weakness of the Bolivarian government that ends up exhausting the energy of the Bolivarian democratic revolution.

The REBELA also features the work of **Angela Analia Garofali Patrón**, "Latin American integration: an interpretation from the Marxist theory of dependency", which seeks to contribute to the discussion about the integration of the continent currently underway. Then **André Felipe Vieira Necklaces**, **Larissa Oliveira Silva** and **Agnes Franceille Freitas** bring the article "Is the national cinema prejudiced? Reflections about (the power of) media, social representations and homosexuality", from which they question and analyze how the media, through the national cinema, deals with the issue of homosexuality and its representations.

Then **Magali Moser** and **George Kanehide Ijuim** show, in the text "The practice of social invisibility on areas of poverty concentration in the press of Blumenau (SC)", the deletion process associated with social hygiene practices adopted across the country that is repeated in the city known as the "Brazilian Europe". **Alexandre Andrade Alvarenga**, in the text "Soft power in the Portuguese empire: a study remains the conquest of Brazil" seeks to demonstrate that, as much as the war and the military power of states are unquestionable power instruments within the international system and the world economy, the soft powers resources should also be considered.

In the field of reviews bring the text **Fran Espinosa**, "A proposal for the analysis of the new Latin American elites", that shows how this theme is being dealt, and the work of **Gabriel Galdino Gomes**, "The Inter-Oceanic Nicaragua Canal: an enterprise of China with Russia in Latin America", which discusses this gigantic work in Central America.

To close the edition we present the photo shoot of Journalism student at UFSC, **Luara Wandelli Loth**, which reveals the horror of the disappearances in Ayotzinapa and pain of those left. The work "Ayotzinapa 21st century: the México that don't wake from the nightmare of Tlatelolco October's 68".

We hope you can enjoy the analysis and deepen your knowledge of Latin America.

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