



Editorial

We now present the closing number of the year 2021, a difficult year for Brazil and the world, still under the sign of the new coronavirus pandemic. Even so, we maintain our commitment to disseminate Latin American critical thinking, being this space for reflection and information.

This time we open our editorial indicating the Photographic Essay as the central text, because it marks the tribute to a very dear companion to the Iela team, Danilo Carneiro, who enchanted on January 1, 2022. The text, written by the president of the Institut, Nildo Ouriques, shows the essence of this man, a former Araguaia guerrilla, passionate about politics, books, Latin America and workers. A man who gave his life for the Brazilian revolution and was faithful to his principles until the end, at the age of 80. **Danilo Carneiro: essential among us**, illuminates his giant stature, and the photos by Rubens Lopes, Felipe Maciel, Elaine Tavares, Maicon Cláudio da Silva and Marino Mondek offer an image of him, which will live forever in Iela's memory.

In the field of articles, we have the text by Rafael Cuevas Molina, **Costa Rica: the case of public higher education in times of a pandemic**, in which the author points out the dramas of university education in the face of the neoliberal advance caused by the pandemic shock. Then, Ricardo de Oliveira brings the text **Machiavelli in America: a historical and philosophical approach** presents the genocidal characteristics of the process of invasion and conquest of Latin America. In the article **Ecuador: between democracy and dependence**, Felipe Gomes Mano analyzes the scenario and the great social mobilizations that took place in that country in 2019.

The article by Maria Goreti Juvencio Sobrinho, **Fernando Henrique Cardoso's liberal/political opposition to the military dictatorship**, sheds light on Brazilian history, discussing the character of Fernando Henrique Cardoso's criticism of the military dictatorship and the self-reform project (1964 to 1989). Next, Rodrigo Souza presents the text **Indebtedness and payment in the debt system in Brazil**, bringing up the important debate on debt and showing that capture mechanisms such as revolving doors and lobbying drive the Central Bank of Brazil to legislate for large banks, against parents. We also have the article by Caique de Oliveira Sobreira Cruz, **Max Weber: Calvinist "ethics" and the spirit of the**

“new” capitalism: Specialization, Idealism and Occidentalism. The Sociological Frankenstein, aiming to demystify the conceptions that, both commentators and critics of this author, raised during the last 100 years.

Closing the articles, we have the text by Túlio Macedo Rosa e Silva, Débora Bandeira Dias Koenow and Magdalena Araujo Pereira Ferreira, **The Inter-American Convention against Racism as a normative parameter for the Brazilian legal system**, analyzing the effects of the incorporation of this Convention to the theme in the country. Finally, Ednael Macedo Felix and Fábio Freitas Schilling Marquesan present the article **The structure of the social field and power disputes by agents of the seed sector in a municipality in the brazilian northeastern semi-arid**, pointing out the Brazilian agricultural potential and its importance in food production.

The review is by Waldir José Rampinelli, **Graciliano Ramos: a writing genius**.

Good reading

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