



## Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies presents another number with texts that critically reflect fundamental questions of "Our America". It is our intention, since 2011, when we started this periodical, to extend a fertile space of thought and analysis, thus allowing the constitution of a plot that reaches a totalizing and structural view.

We open this volume by offering the instigating text by Gilberto Felisberto Vasconcellos, **"The Energetic and Ecological Collapse of Capitalism"**, in which he shows that capitalism is depredating nature and threatening the planet's survival, while there is a complete lack of reflection on this Theme in the Social Sciences. He points out that in the contradiction between society and humanity, caused by fossil fuels, oil and coal, responsible for global warming, the tropics appears as an alternative to clean and save the planet Earth, which implies going beyond capital, whose reason for being is the pursuit of profit.

Next we have the text, **"Uruguay 2015: the option for adjustment"**, by Jorge Notaro Roumas. He points out how the country has advanced, by 2014, in the increase in GDP, in the number of people employed, in poverty reduction, etc. and since 2015, a process of reversal has begun because of the adjustment policy applied by the government.

The debate on indigenous peoples is presented in the text **"A territory that had no name: Original peoples in the Venezuelan and Brazilian textbooks"**, by André Luan Nunes Macedo, which is the result of a comparative investigation of Brazilian and Venezuelan textbooks currently Countries. In it, the author seeks to reflect on the contrasts and identities, problematizing the construction of the narratives around Amerindian civilizations and the Latin American native peoples.

The fourth article is **"Notes on Social Protection and the Philosophy of Indigenous Peoples"**, by Elaine Tavares. The text discusses the social protection of indigenous peoples in Brazil, showing that there is no concern to understand the philosophical universe of the original peoples and presents elements of the philosophy and the original worldview of several peoples of Latin America.

Then we have the text **"Between imperialism and sub-imperialism: the Brazilian projection to Bolivia and Peru in the Lula da Silva governments (2003-2010)"**, by Rafael Teixeira de Lima, who discusses the possibility of Brazilian sub-imperialism in the South American region in the 21st century and recovers this concept as a fundamental tool for understanding the regional reality.

Bolivia and the social movements are the subject of the article **"Social Movements: Drivers in the construction of the Political Constitution of Bolivia 2009"**, by Elissandro dos Santos Santana and Jesús Ibáñez Ojeda, in which they discuss whether the current Constitution was actually the fruit of the demands of popular movements that have emerged with force from the new government of Evo Morales, fruit of long struggles fought since the year 2000.

The philosophy is expressed in the text **"Contribution to a geographically critique of thought: a situated reading of philosophical thought from Latin America"**, by Bruno Reikdal Lima. In it, the author calls into question the geographical displacement of the starting point for the constitution of a historical macro-narrative of the philosophy worked in Latin America, in order to criticize the periodization and the philosophy of Eurocentric history that is usually used.

The last article of the volume is "**Judiciary, Politics and Transition: The Technical Knowledge and the "Invisible Hand" of Policies**", by Maria da Graça Marques Gurgel and Plínio Régis Baima de Almeida. In the paper they propose to unveil the role played by the Judiciary in Brazil over the years, as well as their level of dialogue with democratic values.

The review is by Paulo Alves Pereira Júnior, with the text "**Revolution and counterrevolution in Guatemala in the second half of the twentieth century**", in which he presents the book *The Guatemalan Revolution*, written by Greg Grandin and published by UNESP Publishing House in 2004.

The Photographic Essay brings the image record about the **Jambalaia Occupation**, in Rio de Janeiro, with the authorship of Rafael Guedes Imenes. The work in the occupation located in Campo Grande, West Zone of the city of Rio de Janeiro (RJ), exposes the characters, the unhealthy living conditions and the daily life of the residents.

We hope that the collection of this volume, with such burning themes, can provide a good and fertile reflection on our continent. Good reading.

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