



Editorial

Latin America is not anymore a closed universe to the Brazilians. Since the deep changes that started in the 1990s, the continent became part of the media and academic agenda. However, even so, the critical reflection on the more polemic issues of “Nuestra América” is still practice by few. Even so, the great promises of Latin American integration advance slowly, with conservative sectors gaining new strength all over America. In Brazil, for example, we see these sectors openly opposing the opening of the international policy towards Latin America.

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies has been making the effort of providing texts that show Latin American reality based on a critical, autonomous and decolonized thought, within the tradition of a Marxian reflection. Since last year, we entered a new phase, consolidating our editorial project and becoming part of important database, such as Latindex, a site of journals related to scientific investigation, as well as to the disseminations of science, culture and techno-professional information. The Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, consolidating editorials experiences from Latin America, Portugal and Spain, organizes the site.

In this Number 2 of the 3rd Volume, Gilberto Felisberto Vasconcellos presents one of the most important intellectuals of Venezuela, Ludovico Silva, who until today challenges the political and aesthetic thought with his poems and theoretical contributions. We also have the contribution of Ivo Tonet, discussing the category of “associated work” and the possibility of state extinction, indicating the overcome of capitalism.

Another issue that has not found space in the superficial debate about the subsalt is presented by Miriam Santini de Abreu, in the analysis of the discourse of power that permeates the information about the energetic debate regarding gas and shale. From Uruguay, we bring a reflection on utopia, in the text by Hector Alberto Altamirano, who discusses this category as the essential source to think about the Latin American politics.

The journal also brings the article by Ana Carolina Cordilha, analysing the process of inequalities reduction in Latin America and indicating the limits of income distribution public policies. Julian Araujo Brito focus on the transformations that are taking place in Cuba, including changes in the political regime as well as in the socio-economic model. Geopolitics is the theme of an important essay written by Sinclair Mallet Guy. He analyses the determinant role of the economy in the armed conflicts, showing the central role of energy. To close the section of articles we have the article by Sergio Lessa, on the technological transformation and the theory of “the end of proletariat”.

The journal also presents a photographic essay by Felipe Froés Couto and Lorena Fonseca Silva that shows the effects of a specific period of “progress” in the city of Montes Claros, Minas Gerais. Elaine Tavares presents the book “Colômbia, movimentos pela paz”, by Mattheus Lobo Pismel and Rodrigo Simões.

Finally, we present one more issue, hoping it is a contribution to strengthen critical Latin American thought.

Have a nice reading.

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