

Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Latin American Studies, REBELA, presents the third issue within the same perspective: to offer to the Brazilian public critical reflections on relevant Latin American themes. It represents a huge effort, considering the fact that the colonization of thought implies in the reproduction of consecrated authors from Europe and the United States. To find studies which are in the path of constructing a critical and original thought becomes, therefore, a challenge.

However, with the consolidation of the Brazilian Network of Latin American Studies, created following the efforts of the Institute of Latin American Studies, IELA, from the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), we are overcoming obstacles and finding, each day, more persons interested in reflecting about Latin America, displacing fads and adopting a critical perspective.

In this issue, REBELA discusses, with the paper of *Jorge Notaro Roumas*, **Social Income Distribution: theoretical framework and indicators**, how necessary it is to articulate a theoretical approach and indicators capable of acknowledging the specificities of Latin America and its dependent capitalism. *Waldir José Rampinelli* presents, in the text **State Terrorism in Argentina**, a critical reflection about the dictatorship period in that country, emphasizing the strategies of the machine of torture and murder which was put in place at that time, producing the disappearance of more than 30 thousand people.

This issue also presents the article of *Carlos Schmidt*, **Venezuela: the difficult path in the search for an alternative to overcome capitalism and bureaucratic socialism**. Here, the author shows the diverse attempts of the Venezuelan government of promoting popular protagonism, stressing the difficulties and barriers to the construction of a free society.. *Luis Felipe Aires Magalhães* wrote **El Salvador: Analysis of the main demographic transformations in the last 30 years**. The author discusses the process of civil war which started for the search of liberation, the State terrorism and the immense migration of Salvadorians to the United States.

Catarina Gewehr presents an important critical contribution with the paper **The process of knowledge incorporation in Latin America Social Psychology**. The author discusses the incapacity of Latin American Psychology to work with the problems which are part of the continent's reality, indicating the need of an adequate science.

Rafael Litvin Villas Bôas debates the **New cycle of conservative modernization: cultural**

industry and the reconfiguration of hegemony. In this article the author shows aspects of the power structure which supports the Brazilian inequalities, analyzing the configuration of hegemony since the post-coup of 1964 and the role of cultural industry in this process.

As part of the section Articles, we also present the paper by *Camila Rodrigues*, **The industry of daily newspapers in Brazil and the oligopoly of communication.** The author shows, using the method of historical analysis, how the transformation of the world capitalism since the post-Second War influenced the Brazilian industry of newspapers. *Miriam Santini de Abreu*, in **The Brazilian Forest Law and Santa Catarina's Environment Law: legislations in favor of profit**, produces an effort in order to make evident some of the consequences of this legislation which favors profit. She calls attention to the fact that the changes in the Brazilian Forest Code were started by the articulated action of different political and economic groups and had, in the state of Santa Catarina, a fundamental process which supported these changes.

Beyond these intriguing articles, addressing relevant themes of contemporary Latin America, the Journal includes a review of **A Mapuche Newspaper**, produced in Chile by this people, providing information to everyone using the internet; and another about the book **Crítica à Razão Acadêmica**, organized by Nildo Ouriques and Waldir Rampinelli.

To finish with, the Journal offers to photographic essays. The first is from *Newton Tomazzoni Tavares*, **The People of Egypt – brother of Latin America.** The author presents the daily life of Egyptian workers, amidst a revolution, comparing the permanent struggle of Latin American workers, brothers in the search of liberation. *Rafael Kruter Flores* shows the **March Against Mining in Mendoza**, Argentina, under the slogan “Water is Not For Business”. It is the organization of the peoples in defense of water, against the privatization and destruction of this common good.

We present one more issue of REBELA, hoping that it is able of instigating, disturbing, surprising and making visible the life which pulse in this geographical space so rich in struggles and knowledge: Latin America or, as the indigenous call it *Abya Yala* (the land of splendor). To complete this year of we thank the contributions of the evaluators of papers (Adriano Saraiva Amaral, Francis Kanashiro Meneghetti, Glauco Ludwig Araújo, Joysi Moraes, Paulo Ricardo Zilio Abdala e Rafael Kruter Flores) that, generously, had been available and used their time to strengthen the Journal and critical thought.

Have a good reading.

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