

EDITORIAL

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The third edition of the sixth volume of the *Revista Administração Pública e Gestão Social – the APGS Journal* – is happy to announce that this journal now possesses scientific papers published with Google Scholar's h-index. The h-index allows for the quantification of the productivity and of the international impact of scientists by taking into account their most cited papers. This is an important sign of how the APGS Journal has been a promising communication mechanism in the field of Public Administration.

To this effect, the first article of the edition is an invited paper elaborated by professors Valdemir Pires and Sérgio Azevedo Fonseca, from the *Universidade Estadual Paulista* (Unesp), Suylan de A. Midlej e Silva, from the *Universidade de Brasília* (UnB), Patrícia Vendramini, from the *Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina* (Udesc), and Fernando de Souza Coelho, from the *Universidade de São Paulo* (USP). This study is a **dossier on The Field of Publics in Brazil: Definition, Constituent Movement and Present Challenges**. In this article, the authors introduce the term "field of publics" and discuss not only its institutionalization, but also the elements that constitute its identity.

Port fees: a comparative study between the Brazilian and the Spanish port systems is the title of the second article, by Rogério João Lunkes, Jonas Mendes Constante and Fabricia Silva da Rosa, from the *Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina* (UFSC), and Vicente Mateo Ripoll-Feliu and Arturo Giner-Fillol, from the *Universidad de Valencia* (UV). This study demonstrates how the tariff system may present different ways and standards regarding fees and how the management of the system may have a positive impact on the competitiveness of these ports and, therefore, on the very economy of both countries.

Written by Thiago Duarte Pimentel, from the *Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora* (UFJF), the third article discusses **The Space in Management Situations: between strategic management and social management**. The main goal of this paper is to present and discuss possible analytical categories to identify ways to utilize space in order to foster productive relations, as well as to consolidate social relations as a contributor to the collective, democratic insertion of actors into the public sphere. This article was presented at one of the main sessions of the *Encontro Mineiro de Pesquisadores em Administração Pública, Economia Solidária e Gestão Social* ("Minas Gerais State Meeting on Public Administration, Solidary Economy, and Social Management") – *Emapegs* – in December 2013.

With an article entitled **Accountability for Municipal Executives in Santa Catarina: Investigating the Electronic Portals**, Fabiano Maury Raupp, a professor at Udesc, demonstrates the low utilization rates of the portals for the accountability of the values expended by the municipal executive powers in the state of Santa Catarina, in Brazil.

El Aprendizaje Político de la Participación: el Caso del Presupuesto Participativo de Elche (Alicante) en España is the article – in Spanish – that closes this edition. Researcher Carmen Pineda Nebot analyzes the processes of political learning by people in participative public spaces at municipal level and how this learning contributes to strengthen citizenship education.

Finally, in addition to our wish of an excellent reading of these articles, we remind our readers and potential authors of the importance of having the references of their submitted papers follow the format by the American Psychological Association (APA), which contributes to the international visibility of the APGS Journal.

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