

EDITORIAL

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Cadernos EBAPE.BR begins 2016 with a set of themes that does justice to its editorial line. Since the publication of its first issue in August, 2003, this journal has aimed to promote the dissemination of articles that discuss the state of the art in Administration as a field of knowledge. We sometimes do not stick to this editorial orientation because we receive articles for evaluation that deserve to be published for their quality in describing some phenomena or realities encountered in the study field of Administration and/or its object – the organizations.

The present volume, however, meets our concern over keeping an editorial line that contributes to the study of a field of knowledge that, despite its historical identity, to wit, its character of being delimited in time, has been making an attempt to adapt itself not exclusively to the time already lived, but to that which is to become, which will come to be. Therefore, this volume follows for the second time the results of an event that we consider a stimulus to theoretical debate in Brazil: *Colóquio Internacional de Epistemologia e Sociologia da Ciência da Administração*, held by the Post-Graduation Program on Administration from Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina.

The fact that the *Colóquio* immediately provides the interaction of two fields of knowledge related to social sciences, Administration and Sociology, leads us to conclude that the epistemological bases of such a set of knowledge – social sciences – have their origins founded on interdisciplinarity. The reader will observe that, in the articles herein published, the relationship between fields of knowledge is not only limited to those two disciplines – Administration and Sociology; other disciplines such as Social Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Political Sciences, for instance, contribute to the contents of the texts selected to compose this volume 14, n. 1, 2016. This issue will possibly broaden a discussion that affects Administration as a field of knowledge, and also other fields such as Economy, Accountancy, Industrial Engineering – disciplines with a potential to discuss, suggest and control actions that meet supply and demand transactions. However, those are virtual disciplines in relation to society, to the whole. Therefore, it is imperious to subordinate organizational thought to theories capable of indicating the contradictions in society, and not only in the market. Consequently, we hope the articles listed below, which should not be read following the priority defined in the Index, contribute to broaden the discussion on organizational studies in Brazilian academic environment.

In concluding this editorial, we do not only wish you enjoy the read of the articles approved for this issue, but we also offer a challenge to the academic community for forthcoming issues. In the last years, some subjects have been considered recurrent – even fad – in organizational studies. Examples are: sustainability (environmental, economic and social), entrepreneurship (individual and social), governance (public and private), information technology and its impact on organizational and labor flexibilization; let us stop here. Oh! We should not forget that a challenging subject, although not recurrent, concerns the history of Administration teaching in Brazil: this history must be dissected. The challenge we offer national and foreign academic communities, without any previous commitment to publication, is to submit articles or propose special issues that successfully deal with the subjects above and others that may contribute to the contemporaneous debate on organizational studies.

Enjoy the read!

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