

Expansion plans, public policies and the pandemic: reflections on planning and local development

EDITORIAL

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This editorial presents the articles from the fourth (special) edition of the eleventh volume of the Brazilian Journal of Planning and Development (RBDP). In this issue, as in the previous ones, the works brought contributions on planning and development, as is usual in this journal.

In this edition, the first article deals with the paradox between public policies for economic growth and the parallel state actions of environmental management and protection of the environment, seeking to know the factors that drove the confluent phenomena. Next, the Expansion Plan of the Federal Network of Scientific and Technological Professional Education (RFEPCT) is evaluated in the four dimensions of institutional arrangements: i) vertical (intergovernmental), ii) horizontal (intragovernmental), iii) territorial and iv) participatory. The third article is entitled: Intermediate cities and possible functional urban areas in Planning Region 7 of Rio Grande do Sul – Brazil.

The fourth and fifth articles present the analysis: i) of the determinants of the value of resources contributed by the Garantia Safra Program (PGS) in the municipalities of Ceará and ii) of the model of controlled social distancing in Rio Grande do Sul in the first year of implementation of the policy of prevention of COVID-19 in the municipality of Santa Cruz do Sul.

The characterization of the service provided by the Specialized Rehabilitation Center (CER) in the Alto Oeste Potiguar/RN considering the dimensions and territorial scope and the Geoenvironmental Characterization of the Municipality of Coronel João Pessoa – RN are dealt with in the sixth and seventh article respectively.

The eighth article aims to address strategic design as a process to provide a look, from the user experience, to territorial issues. The following article provides opportunities for reflections on the Vila A Inteligente program, engendered in the municipality of Foz do Iguaçu/PR and labeled as the first smart neighborhood in Brazil.

The theme of risk management and how this management practice can qualify public managers' decision-making aimed at economic and social development is addressed in the tenth article. The eleventh article presents the analysis of the mining

configuration and the territorial organization in the municipalities of Juruti and Santarém in the Brazilian Amazon and the last article presents the analysis of the regional disparity of the food and beverage industry in Paraíba, for potential use of the Systems of Solar heating - low temperature SAS.

This edition brings important reflections on public policy, expansion plans, pandemics, urban planning, local, regional and territorial development, risk management, among others.

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We wish you a great read!