

EDITORIAL

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A series of internal and external bureaucratic circumstances have led me to once again take part in the editorial of this special edition, which focuses on the analysis of public policies. It's an easy editorial to write since the presentation that follows clearly illustrates the content of this edition of the **Cadernos EBAPE.BR**. Conceived in 2003, the publication of special editions became a fixed part of the journal's editorial line from 2005 onwards. This latest edition concentrates on public policies, a theme central to the dictates of a State that wants to influence the future of a nation. Despite the wave of neoliberalism that has washed over the different shores of the Pacha Mama, the Brazilian State has, since the beginning of this new century and until recently, sought to use public policies to intervene in its process of development. However, and still coherent with the editorial line of the **Cadernos EBAPE.BR**, the implementation of public policies cannot be left to the whims of their proponents, that is, the governments in power at the time, and it is important that such policies first be analyzed from a critical perspective that helps clarify their essential goals and contradictions. The **Cadernos EBAPE.BR** journal has therefore invited Prof. Francisco Fonseca, of the Getulio Vargas Foundation's / School of Business Administration of São Paulo (FGV-EAESP) to contribute to this special edition.

Our invitation to Prof. Francisco to take part in coediting this special edition was no mere coincidence. Professor Francisco is perhaps one of the few intellectuals in Brazil who, based on his educational background, is able to apply a critical outlook to the managerial practices of Brazil's public administration. We would like to especially highlight his efforts in the analysis of public policies, which have been widely published in domestic journals. We therefore believe that through this special edition, the **Cadernos EBAPE.BR** will once again help maintain an editorial line that seeks to outline the contradictions of our modern-day world, especially those linked to public policy practices and the organizational thinking that lies behind the management of these same practices. Consequently, the **Cadernos EBAPE.BR** could not avoid promoting a critical debate on the subject of planning and execution of public policies. It is my belief that the articles that have been approved for this edition, presentations of which have been outlined by Prof. Francisco Fonseca below, will offer readers an excellent opportunity to reflect on the conceptual and operational nature of present-day public policies in Brazil.

Pleasant reading!

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