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Public policies and the city

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This thematic issue of the *Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* (RAP) in 2018 was coordinated by the invited editors Sonia Maria Fleury Teixeira, Joan Subirats, Daniel S. Lacerda and Ismael Blanco. The theme addressed is 'Public policies and the city: producing inclusive urban spaces.' Our invitees open this special edition discussing seven of the published articles, which were selected after a rigorous evaluation process parallel to the regular editorial process carried out by the journal, respecting the deadlines for publication.

The other articles presented in this issue bring studies in themes such as: the variables that explain the desire of the populations for the continuation of special police units (UPP) in Rio de Janeiro by Ludmila Ribeiro and Márcio Grijó Vilarouca; the roles of state governments in Brazilian educational policy, by Catarina Ianni Segatto and Fernando Luiz Abrucio; the proposal of a model to analyze the competitiveness of the Brazilian municipalities by Kleber Cuissi Canuto and Ana Paula Mussi Szabo Cherobim. This issue also contains two studies focusing on analyzes of public-private partnerships (PPPs), one by André Avrichir, who analyzes the cases of *Poupatempo* and Integrated Care Units, and the other by Bruno Rodrigues and Cesar Zucco, who evaluate the experience of the municipality of Belo Horizonte in the construction and operation of school infrastructure through PPPs between the years of 2009 and 2015.

Finally, this issue publishes two articles from the Forum Practical Perspectives: "The role of stakeholders in the formulation of Pronatec" by Fabiana Carvalho da Silva Bispo and Ricardo Corrêa Gomes whose results revealed the potential of each stakeholder to threaten or collaborate with the Pronatec program; and an article presenting a case study of highways in Portugal, showing the critical factors of success of public-private partnerships in their political-institutional perspectives, by Sandra Firmino.

I wish you all a pleasant read!

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