

Editorial

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This first editorial of 2020 (as is standard every year) is dedicated to one of the most important academic communities of the Brazilian Journal of Public Administration (RAP): the community of reviewers who analyze the manuscripts received.

Since the very beginning of my work as editor-in-chief, I have emphasized the importance of RAP's reviewers for the quality of the contributions published in this journal. I have taken measures to improve the review process, which resulted in a higher quality publication. Many bad practices have to be confronted, such as the rejection or acceptance of a manuscript without robust justifications (or justified in opinions of a single sentence that neither I, as an editor, nor the authors, are able to understand). Also, there are reviewers who accept the tasks trust to them but fail to meet the deadlines, or who do not resort to constructive language, or negatively analyze works just because they are outside their epistemological (or ideological) line. We have been working to avoid having reviewers who adopt such practices in the journal's system, indicating to our academic community that there are rules to be respected by all of us. To understand that this process is a collective construction in which we all learn is essential to improving the journal.

Notwithstanding, rewarding our best reviewers is one of the most gratifying tasks of the editorial team. They were selected from a list of almost 215 reviewers who contributed to the journal throughout 2019. The analysis of the reviewers' contribution considered not only the number of manuscripts reviewed but also the quality of the work delivered. The first classification was prepared by Eliane Barbosa da Conceição (Editorial Support), and the editorial board and I carried out a second assessment. The list shows new reviewers and contributors that have been awarded in the past years, such as Caio Cesar de Medeiros da Costa, Hugo Consciencia Silvestre, and Marcio Roberto Moran.

The best reviewers of 2019 are:

Caio César de Medeiros Costa

Universidade de Brasília (UnB)

Daniel Ouriques Caminha

Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina (UDESC)

Guilherme Arantes Mello

Universidade Federal de São Paulo (UNIFESP)

Hugo Consciência Silvestre

Universidade da Integração Internacional da Lusofonia Afro-Brasileira (UNILAB)

Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV)

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We hope that this announcement encourages our reviewers to keep delivering consistent and constructive reviews, and we look forward to counting on new contributors joining us throughout 2020.

Finally, this edition of RAP brings articles from the special issue “Overseas influences on the development and recent innovations on public sector accounting and finance in Latin America,” organized by André Carlos Busanelli de Aquino, Eugenio Caperchione, Ricardo Lopes Cardoso, and Ileana Steccolini. In addition, the issue presents other studies that navigate topics such as professional competences scale for police officers; the evaluation of interconnection structures by members of the board of directors with political and financial expertise of companies listed in the Brazilian stock market; the path of the defense coalitions that influenced the formation of an agenda that resulted in the Access to Information Law; the social construction of the agenda of financial inclusion in Brazil and a study of social innovation ecosystems and their effects on cities, promoting more sustainable dynamics.

I wish you all a pleasant read!

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