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I hope this third issue of the Brazilian Journal of Public Administration (RAP) finds its readers safe and healthy. In this editorial, I want to thank the journal's community for its extraordinary response to the special call for papers, "**The response of the Brazilian public administration to the challenges of the pandemic**."

We received 213 submissions, a number that demonstrates the significant mobilization of researchers on the theme of Covid-19. The submission deadline was May 1, 2020. The purpose was to gather articles that precisely responded to the challenges imposed by the pandemic on public administration in Brazil. The contributions encompassed several areas of knowledge and methodological perspectives, working on diverse topics, such as political climate, communication, program and impact assessment, collaboration strategies with organized civil society, the role of state-owned enterprises and development banks, impacts on most vulnerable segments. The work of the editorial committee and the journal's reviewers, with the collaboration of other schools of the Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), such as the School of Applied Mathematics (EMAP), have made it possible to analyze the manuscripts and contributions received in record time.

A second call for papers on the topic "**Governmental responses to COVID-19 pandemic"** was also available, with an international focus and in collaboration with professors Claudia N. Avellaneda, from Indiana University (USA), and Kohei Suzuki, from the Leiden University (Netherlands). The purpose of this call for papers was to gather reflections on strategies adopted by several international governments, allowing for comparative analysis of the different approaches and their results, serving as a benchmark for the Brazilian case.

This issue brings ten articles dealing with crucial research topics. The studies discussed political appointments and municipal bureaucratic performance, innovation in the judiciary, dimensions of smart government from the perspective of public managers, the role of middle-level bureaucracy in the implementation of public policies, evaluation of public policies, stakeholder influence and local performance, efficiency in higher education, analysis of municipal consortia, crime prevention policy, and shared leadership in public organizations.

Finally, I am glad to highlight the increasing participation of women in scientific production. Of the 27 authors who contributed to this issue, 14 are women. They are the first authors of 7 of the 10 articles published in this issue of RAP.

I wish you all a pleasant read. Stay safe and healthy.

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