

## Editorial

# Brazilian Journal of Public Administration receives proposals for special thematic issues

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This editorial offers an opportunity to share the changes to our editorial board and the call for proposals for special thematic issues.


Professor Fernando de Souza Coelho is leaving the position of associate editor after six and a half years (September 2015 to February 2022) of invaluable contribution. We sincerely appreciate his collaboration, which was crucial to consolidating RAP as a leading journal in the field of public administration. Professor Souza Coelho ends his contribution by writing an invited article to be published in a future issue, addressing a relevant topic in this year of election in Brazil: processes of government transition.

Professors Gabriela Spanghero Lotta (FGV EAESP), Mauricio Dussauge Laguna, (CIDE/Mexico), and Sandro Cabral (Insper), form the current team of RAP’s associate editors. It is a team of renowned researchers in the field of public administration who complement each other in terms of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Also, we are proud to count on Professor Laguna in this team, which reflects our efforts to expand the journal’s international position, with a particular focus on Latin America.

The new call for proposals for special thematic issues aims to consolidate RAP’s internationalization strategy. These new special issues will be organized according to established guidelines: the thematic proposal must be submitted by a team of editors formed, at least by a Brazilian and an international researcher recognized for their contribution to the proposed thematic area. The proposal should focus on key themes with the potential of attracting contributions from national and international scholars, consolidating agendas of cross-cutting interest in national and international research communities.

The journal’s experience organizing special issues based on these guidelines has been very positive. We highlight, for example, the results of RAP’s first special issue: Actors, mechanisms, and directions of policy diffusion: between translation and Resistance – edited in 2018 by Professor Osmany Porto de Oliveira (Federal University of São Paulo) and Professor Leslie A. Pal (Carleton University, Canada). The issue (<https://bibliotecadigital.fgv.br/ojs/index.php/rap/issue/view/4112>) strengthened a prolific research agenda and international cooperation networks. These outcomes are materialized in a series of handbooks, special issues of international journals, and collaborative articles gathering scholars engaged in networks of researchers.

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The team of associate editors has developed some themes that are particularly relevant to RAP, as they reflect the journal's editorial line and future trends in the field. We would like to encourage the national and international academic community to submit proposals that cover the following research areas:

- Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and Public Administration;
- Performance Management in the context of public and nonprofit organizations;
- Policy implementation, administrative burdens and inequalities;
- Populism and Public Administration/Policies;
- Leadership and Public Service Motivation;
- Race, gender and intersectional inequalities in public administration;
- The Post-COVID-19 State;
- The State of Public Management Reforms.

The objective is to stimulate collaboration between national and international scholars, encompassing contributions from a community of researchers who, regardless of national borders, study and delve into topics of common interest to public administration. In this way, RAP has a stronger position in the international academic community, differentiates itself from other international public administration journals, and integrates national and international research around cross-cutting research themes.

Please send your proposal for RAP's special thematic issues through the journal's email address – rap@fgv.br – by August 31, 2022. Proponents must detail the potential of the special thematic issue proposed and justify the reasons that make it attractive to the field of public administration. Proposals should be structured around a description of the theme, research questions to be explored, and basic bibliography. The journal's editorial committee will analyze them, and proponents will be notified of acceptance within two weeks.

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