

Editorial

This new number of the *Revista Estudos Políticos* the reader has before her eyes features our traditional sections as well as an interesting and unprecedented coupling between an article and an unpublished interview with Jeffrey Alexander, an inescapable figure of contemporary North American sociology. During a visit to Brazil for a series of conferences, Alexander was kind enough to accept our invitation and received a small group of researchers avid to talk about different aspects of his work: Alexandre Werneck, Antonio Brasil, Cristina Buarque (who pens this editorial) and Marcelo de Oliveira. We greatly benefitted from the customary kindness of Frédéric Vandenberghe, who not only arranged the interview but also opened the doors of his home for the interview, carefully transcribed and translated by Thiago Nasser. To present this figure to those who may not know him, Antônio Brasil and Marcelo Oliveira set out to write an introduction which ended up becoming a small article, translated by Frank Hanson and published separately before the interview. Last, the material on and by Alexander includes an article written by him, concerning the violent reaction against multiculturalism in Europe, originally published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and now for the first time translated to Portuguese by the impeccable Rosaura Eichenberg. The editors are elated to bring this piece by Alexander to the Portuguese language readership.

The other articles in this number were entirely translated by Frank Hanson. We subvert the usual order of things, announcing the translator before the authors, in order to underline our gratitude to Hanson for his availability and his excellent work, always executed with care, rigour and on time. Following Alexander, the second article is authored by Diogo Pires Aurelio, renowned professor of the *Universidade Nova Lisboa*. His reflection on democracy based on the works of Espinosa and Marx is extensive and will be continued in the next number of the *Revista de Estudos Políticos* (vol. 6, n.1). Return in a few months for the sequel. The third article, by Fernando Perlatto, investigates the different perspectives on the process of conservative modernization in Brazil in times of political repression and democratic détente. Next, Bruno Carvalho approaches the subject of nations and difference in the work of post-colonialist authors. The fifth article, by Marya Goulart and Patrícia Rangel, discusses the impact of the electoral ascension of the Workers' Party (PT) in the Brazilian foreign policy for the "Palops", African countries with Portuguese as an Official Language. Maro Lara Martins then return to the topic of conservative modernization, with particular attention to the 1930s and the tensions at the intersection of culture and politics. Paulo Duarte turns our gaze to China and its position in Central Asia. Lastly, Eduardo Rouston Junior observes the defense of unitary federalism by Gaspar Silveira Martins, during the First Republic, against the "debilitation" of central power with the franchising of states.

In the reviews section, Humberto Machado Junior, critiques the book *Tweets and the Streets: Social Media and Contemporary Activism*, by Paolo Gerbaudo.

As the closing bookend, true to our tradition of publishing historical material long out of circulation, we bring to light "A Circular de Teófilo Otoni", by the Brazilian politician and thinker Teófilo Otoni, preceded by an essay by Christian Lynch.

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