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Geo UERJ is an academic journal of Rio de Janeiro State University's Geography Institute. Every six months, it publishes unedited texts of critical review, results of empirical, experimental and conceptual researches on topics pertinent to geography and related areas. In 2017, the journal celebrates twenty years of publishing. During this time, researchers from Brazil and other countries submitted numerous articles to its evaluation. In this trajectory, we have sought to qualify Geo UERJ, by adapting it to international publishing standards through indexers recognized by the academic community. The partnership with colleagues of editorial team (scientific board and evaluation board) as well as with editors and executive secretary has been instrumental for the process of publishing Geo UERJ. Their efforts make possible to publish a new issue every six months. We thank them all. In addition, all these years, support from UERJ has been fundamental, whether to Geo UERJ as printed journal — as it was — or as an electronic journal — as it is. As an on-line publication, it is available at UERJ's electronic publications database. There were partnerships with the Extension Department (linked to Extension Pro-rectorate), with Post-graduation and Research Pro-rectorate and UERJ's publishing house as well. Besides, Rio de Janeiro state's research support foundation (FAPERJ) has helped, by launching public notices aimed at proposals of academic research development. By doing so, FAPERJ has been central to maintain Geo UERJ publishing activity. We thank them all as well. Without their involvement, publishing the journal for twenty years continuously would have been impossible.

Geo UERJ seeks to maintain its quality and periodicity always. We expect contributions from geography academic community to turn the journal into a stimulus to spread our researches and thoughts and a vehicle for scientific works. It is not a thematic journal. It accepts submissions from diverse areas of geography and other knowledge fields. Submissions have to be made at <http://www.e-publicacoes.uerj.br/index.php/geouerj/index>. Articles' selection relies on a double-blind evaluation of two reviewers at least.

We emphasize the importance of rely on Open Journal system to maintain open access to publications that follow international standards of quality. This system contributes greatly to editorial activity and academic knowledge dissemination.

Articles submitted for this Geo UERJ edition deal with the following themes: state policies, geography and environment, geomorphology, productive chain, medium-sized cities, socioterritorial conflict, development, climatic zones, agrarian geography, territorial identity, urban territory, and countryside tourism. Besides, this edition includes works resulting from the fourth Rio de Janeiro Seminary, whose dialogic approach sought to build systematic thoughts on Rio de Janeiro state territory and current transformations in it. This means establishing a dialogue between different theoretical perspectives and distinct knowledge fields to make a debate on territorial transformations in progress in this state. We invite everyone to debate Rio de Janeiro's territory in an interdisciplinary perspective and thus to stimulate ideas and thoughts aimed to surmount the crisis affecting this state these days.

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