

FOREWORD

GEO UERJ journal started to be printed in 1997 aiming to raise UERJ's Geography course's standards and to meet the needs of a department which offers currently graduation and post graduation courses: specialization (Territorial Policies of the State of Rio de Janeiro), master's degree and doctorate. The content of its sixteen issues (being two per year) includes articles, reviews and interviews. Between 2005 and 2006, *GEO UERJ* ceased to be published. Now, as an electronic journal, it aims to make its content available to a greater extent of the academic community and to publish even more research works. It's focuses on articles and reviews, but it's open to the publication of interviews with prominent geography professionals.

Since *GEO UERJ* doesn't follow closed and rigid formulas, its publication results from a movement where the making of the journal is continuous and changeable to meet its audience's needs and suggestions. But its semestrial periodicity and its ongoing receptivity to the submission of articles remain the same.

The current number present:

- 1) Irazú volcano ash fall simulation using a modification of the TEPHRA software por Gustavo Barrantes Castillo et al da Escuela de Ciencias Geográficas da Universidad Nacioal da Costa Rica;
- 2) Examples of brazilian historical geography: considerations on the works of Mauricio Abreu and Antonio Carlos Robert Moraes por Monica Sampaio Machado da UERJ e Angela Nunes Damasceno Gomes do Colégio Pedro II;
- 3) Entrepreneurial urban governance and mega-sporting events por Demian Castro do Colégio Pedro II;
- 4) Peasant ruptures and continuities in integrated poultry of Anta Gorda/RS por Fabrício Teló e Cesar de Davida da UFSM;
- 5) The effectiveness of sustainable touristic panning in nature conservation units: the case of the Jacuí river delta/RS por Cícero Castello Branco Filho e Luís Alberto Basso da UFRGS;
- 6) Religious tourism, territory, and territoriality: Círio de Nazaré in Belém, PA por Débora Rodrigues de Oliveira Serra da Companhia Paraense de Turismo;
- 7) The Housing Problem in Latin America: Examples from Brazil and Chile por Graziela Rossatto Rubin do PPGEU/UFSM;
- 8) The formathion of a new identity from the peasant reterritorialization: urban workers in rural settlements in Campanha Gaúcha por Michele Lindner, Joel Luís Melchiors e Rosa Maria Vieira Medeiros da UFRGS;
- 9) Zoning the risk of flooding Vacacaí river, São Gabriel city, rs por Romário Trentin, Luís Eduardo de Souza Robaina e Vanessa Salvade Silveira da UFMS;
- 10) Extreme pluvial episodes and socioenviromental vulnerability in the city of Fortaleza: the evento f day 03/07/2012 por João Luiz Sampaio Olímpio da UFC;
- 11) Potential of mass moviment in the city of Maceió-Alagoas por Bruno Timóteo et al Rodrigues da UFAL;
- 12) The role of intermediate cities for regional development: a study from the sub-regional centers (Pau dos Ferros-RN, Cajazeiras-PB and Sousa-PB) por Joseney Rodrigues de Queiroz Dantas e Maria do Livramento Miranda Clementino da UFRN;
- 13) The urban expansion of intermediate cities: development and legislation models. Reflection from the case of Gran Mendoza, Argentina / por María Verónica D'Inca e Nélide Marina Berón – CIFOT Universidad Nacional de Couyo Argentina;

- 14) NOTES ABOUT MEDIUM CITIES: a proposal to Bahia por Patricia Chame Dias e Mayara Mychella Sena Araújo da UFBA;
- 15) CHAPECÓ: structure and dynamics of an intermediate city in the western region of Santa Catarina por Camila Fujita da PUCRS;
- 16) Trajectories and functions of intermediate cities in Argentina. Some thoughts and evidence por Silvia Goreenstein, Graciela Landriscini e Martín Napal da Univeridad Nacional del Sur Argentina;
- 17) Territorial interconnections: state power and the political partaking in rural areas por Gilvana Pessoa Oliveira da UFPI;
- 18) geoenvironmental characterization of springs upper basin of permanent preservation of area of stream mandacaru of maringá-pr: legal aspects por Pedro Dias Manfoloni Neves e Marta Luzia de Souza da UEM.

The current number highlights works presented during the XII RII International Seminar, which took place in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais state, between September 30 and October 3, 2012. It presents works linked to the workgroup thematic axes and selected according to their quality, thematic relevance and regional representation. This issue brings out the following articles: “O papel das cidades (inter)médias para o desenvolvimento regional: um estudo a partir dos centros sub-regionais (Pau dos Ferros–RN, Cajazeiras–PB e Souza–PB)” (The role of intermediate cities to the regional development: a study from subregional centers [Pau dos Ferros–RN, Cajazeiras–PB, and Souza–PB]), by Joseney Rodrigues de Queiroz Dantas and Maria do Livramento Miranda Clementino; “Expansión urbana de ciudades intermedias: modelos de desarrollo y legislación. Reflexión a partir del caso del Gran Mendoza, Argentina” (The urban expansion of intermediate cities: development and legislation models. Reflection from the case of Gran Mendoza, Argentina), by María Verónica D’Inca and Nélide Marina Berón; “Notas sobre cidades médias: uma proposta para a Bahia” (Notes on medium cities: a proposal for Bahia), by Patrícia Chame Dias and Mayara M. Sena Araújo; “Chapecó: estrutura e dinâmica de uma cidade média no Oeste Catarinense” (Chapecó: structure and dynamics of a medium city in the West of Santa Catarina), by Camila Fujita; finally, “Trayectorias y funciones de ciudades intermedias en Argentina. Algunas reflexiones y evidencias” (Trajectories and functions of intermediate cities in Argentina. Some thoughts and evidence), by Silvia Gorenstein, Graciela Landriscini and Martin Napal. The interest in medium-sized cities is growing in the urban studies in Latin America. The initial analytical focus on the understanding of the role and importance of such city category both in the process of territorial and economic deconcentration and in decentralization policies has given place to a more recent interest in relationships and flows established among diverse geographical scales and on territorial changes and dynamics. These studies search to understand the multiple forms of intermediation and articulations which are being established. In meetings of Red Iberoamericana de Investigadores sobre Globalización y Territorio (RII), the thematic group called “Ciudades intermedias: transformaciones y perspectivas” (intermediate cities: changes and perspectives) has presented analyses that offer not only a substantial theoretical reflection on the theme but also comparative readings which highlight resemblances and differences among cities of the same or distinct size and functional pattern. These studies prove to be relevant when we consider the importance of taking a broader look into urban reality and the scales of the city and network so that to apprehend their complexity.

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