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Editorial

The *Revista Estudos Políticos* is the first bilingual journal in political studies in Brazil and represents a step forward in overcoming the insularity of academic work in the Portuguese language. The effort to provide national public access to leading international research now finds its counterpart in the objective of internationalizing the work of Brazilian and Portuguese-speaking authors.

This number opens with a hitherto unpublished transcription of an interview given in April 2013 by Fernando Henrique Cardoso to Pedro Luiz Lima. The interviewer eschews present-day political topics and stirs the ex-president towards commenting on his intellectual work in the social sciences, with a keen eye to the influence of Marxism in his academic endeavors and his original conception of politics.

Our reader will then be presented with a dossier on Culture and Politics organized by Bruno Carvalho. It explores from different prisms the often tense relationship between “a dynamic field which incorporates conflicts of meanings” and a “structured power” that is often impermeable to the ever changing and dynamic nature of the former. In this context of reflection, Graziella Moraes presents the outcomes of a comparative research of the national and ethno-racial identities in Brazil and South Africa. Raquel Kritsch then pursues an investigation of Oliveiros Ferreiras’s reading of Antonio Gramsci and points out the distinctions that arise in comparison to the Gramsci-inspired field of Cultural Studies. Flávia Biroli concludes the dossier examining the politically-situated nature of the practice of journalism, and how it hinders the constitution of a plural political reality.

The article section opens with two oversea collaborations. In the first one, Victor Igreja, an anthropologist at the Queensland University in Australia argues that the political resentment bequeathed by the civil war in Mozambique produced contradictory efforts of obstruction and strengthening of political pluralism as well as democratic decentralization. The following article by Maya Ehrmann, Josef Kraus and Emil Souleimanov hailing from institutions in Israel and the Czech Republic, parse the triangular geopolitical relationship between Iran, Israel and Azerbaijan and its implication for regional security. Among the Brazilian contributions, Maria Aparecida Abreu’s article advances the concept republican democracy inspired by the democratic theory of Charles Tilly and by contemporary theoreticians of republicanism. Dawisson Belém Lopes in the following article considers the twenty-first century version of Bolivarianism in South America, paying close attention to the cases of Bolivia, Ecuador, and Venezuela. The closing article by Jorge Chaloub offers new insights for the reflection on the liberal tradition in Brazil based on the strand of political thought and practice originally formulated by the UDN party (hence, *udenism*) and its take on the subject of conflict in politics.

After the articles, the reader will find a section titled *Isebianas*, which presents a facsimile rendition of Ideology and National Development (*Ideologia e Desenvolvimento Nacional*), by Álvaro Vieira Pinto, one of the key texts of the defunct Higher Institute

of Brazilian Studies (*Instituto Superior de Estudos Brasileiros – ISEB*). It is headed by an illustrative essay by João Marcelo Ehlert Maia. Thus REP prolongs its tradition in bringing to light rare epochal bibliographical material previously available only in archives and private collections.

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The section titled Research and Research Project bookends this number with a text by Jairo Nicolau on the elaboration of research projects.

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