



Editorial

With this issue the journal *Acta Scientiarum. Human and Social Sciences* begins a new periodicity. It will be published quarterly, with ten original articles per issue. The journal reinforces its interdisciplinary approach, publishing articles of the area of applied human and social sciences.

The contributions selected for this volume 39, issue 1 of 2017, come from representatives of several regions of Brazil and Portugal. The first article is "Performance of microcredit Banks: the offering process in the credit agents perspective". It was developed by Paulo Augusto Ramalho de Souza, Viviana Gonçalves da Silva and Sandro Ribeiro da Costa, which aims to describe the microcredit supply processes of three institutions located in a small municipality in the State of Mato Grosso. The second article, "Public policies, gender and entrepreneurship: an analysis of the National Program of Work and Entrepreneurship for Women in Pernambuco", by Géssika Cecília Carvalho, analyzes which impacts and results were noticed after the implementation of the Program Work and Entrepreneurship for Women in Pernambuco.

The area of economy brings three articles. "Informal microentrepreneurs: determinants of tax evasion in social security", by Kelly Samá Lopes de Vasconcelos, Monaliza de Oliveira Ferreira and Cássio da Nóbrega Besarria, investigates the relationship between informal economy and social security in developing countries. The second paper, "Polarization and Population: Theoretical Notes", by Cristiano Stamm, Jandir Ferrera de Lima and Manoela Silveira dos Santos, theoretically discusses the pendulum movement of the population under the optics of growth and development poles theory. Ending the section, "Proposing a maturity model for corporate sustainability" by Eduardo Luiz Hepper, Osmar Tomaz de Souza, Maira de Cássia Petrini and Carlos Eduardo Lobo e Silva, starts from the concept of corporate social responsibility and corporate sustainability, the objective of this article is to promote a discussion about the incorporation of sustainability initiatives in organizations, through theoretical research on corporate sustainability maturity models. Based on seven models that focus on sustainability, the article proposes a more general maturity model for sustainability initiatives.

In the area of education, we have "*The Seven Kittens* of Nelson Rodrigues: their representations and interrelations" by Solange Franci Raimundo Yaegashi and Karen de Azevedo Coutinho. The article starts with the observation that this work by Nelson Rodrigues makes a social critique of the customs and social values of that time, the decade of 1950. From the reading of the chosen work, it is analyzed the interrelations of the social representations of the family Noronha with the support of the theory of social representations proposed by Serge Moscovici, Denise Jodelet and Sandra Jovchelovitch.

From the geography we have "Protected Areas in the Amazon: forest management, conflict and social participation" by Marília Gabriela Gondim Rezende, Geise de Goés Canalez and Therezinha de Jesus Pinto Fraxe. The article analyzes the participation of different social subjects in the management plans for protected areas in the State of Amazonas. The area of history brings two articles. "The Chronicles of Colonization: the literary production on Italian immigration in the region of the Fourth Colony (1975)", by Juliana Maria Manfio, in which the author attempts to understand the discourse on Italian immigration in the festivities of 100 years of Italian immigration in the Fourth Colony, through the analysis of the chronicles of colonization, originally conceived with the intention of reporting the daily life of the colony immigrants. The second article in the area is "Trajectory of migrations in Brazil", by Luiz Orencio Figueredo and João Henrique Zanelatto.

The authors propose an analysis of the migratory processes that permeate the social, political and cultural history of Brazil. Concluding this issue, the area of literature brings “Prometheus, by Franz Kafka. Un abordage mitocrítico”, by Alberto Filipe Araújo, José Augusto Ribeiro and Fernando Azevedo. This article presents a reinterpretation of Kafka’s text as a kind of living metaphor for the crisis of contemporary society.

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