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The journal *Acta Scientiarum. Human and Social Sciences*, in its volume 39, issue 3, offers to the public a selection of articles that includes diverse areas of the human sciences – a true showcase of what has been produced in the humanities in Brazil.

The first article deals with a topic of reflection that is dear to several areas of knowledge, which is treated here under the Administration approach. ‘Where does the public end and the private one begin? An analysis of the culture privatization at Praça da Liberdade in Belo Horizonte, Brazil’ by the researchers Gabriel Farias Alves Correia, André Felipe Vieira Colares and Luiz Alex Silva Saraiva, brings a discussion about how the public and the private are mixed in processes of granting public spaces carried out by the State; focusing on cultural spaces in which, the authors inform, private interests supplant the public ones, by analyzing the production of a discourse of exaltation carried out by capital. In the article ‘Encounter of narratives between Oswald de Andrade and Walter Benjamin’, by Cristina Maria da Silva, a(n) (im)possible encounter between Oswald de Andrade (1890-1954) and Walter Benjamin (1892-1940) is proposed. Through this artifice, the author explores the conceptions of criticism, reading, writing and a reeducation of the look before the life present in the work of these authors. From the area of Political Science, we publish the article by Thiago Perez Bernardes de Moraes, Geraldo Leopoldo da Silva Torrecillas and Romer Mottinha Santos, who present data and discuss the relationship between women’s participation in politics and the democratic quality of the countries. Based on data from the European Union, they conclude that women’s participation and interest in the feminism theme increase in function of the greater democratic quality of the countries and end up affirming that both the democratic quality and the ideology are important variables in the composition of the female representation.

In the section on Economics, Antonio Carlos de Campos, Natalino Henrique Medeiros and Amanda Carolina Teixeira seek to evaluate, in the article ‘Technological advances and competitiveness gains in the transformation industry in the State of Paraná in the period 2000-2012’ the development of the economy of Paraná, from a Schumpeterian perspective. The authors found that the sectors of low and medium-high technological intensity contributed the most. Two articles compose the Education section, the first, ‘Child education and educational policies: from the past to the present in search of the future’, by Elisângela Aparecida de Castro, Michele Aparecida de Sá and Pedro Luiz Teixeira de Camargo, presents and discusses the policies that govern Child Education between 1988 and 2013, indicating some challenges such as access, permanence and teacher training among others that society faces to acquire the right to formal education. In the other article, ‘Coaching in Education? Action research with school managers’, Fernanda Kleber Birck and Denise Macedo Ziliotto present and analyze the experience of coaching with managers in the educational context in a private institution. The research had an action-research method. Research subjects are managers from different sectors of the school and it is found that communication, time and demands management, trust, group feedback and knowledge, as well as development needs, were directly linked to the positions occupied. The self-knowledge shared among the members of the group was one of the highlights of the managers as having been one of the valuable aspects developed during the process. With the article ‘Teaching Philosophy to teach to philosophize’, from the Philosophy section, Antônio José Lopes Alves and Sabina Maura Silva examine the quarrel inaugurated by the Kantian assertion that it is not possible to teach

philosophy, but only to philosophize. The perspective presented here on non-dichotomous grounds leads the authors to question whether Kant was not a forerunner of non-directive propositions in pedagogy. For an examination of Kant's proposition, the authors focused on his context and the formulations contained in the Announcement of the Winter Semester Lesson Program of 1765-1766. In the article 'Social issues in Amazon waters: senses, perceptions and representations', Klondy Lúcia de Oliveira Agra presents the results of a qualitative research from the perspective of the approach of Cultural Geography in its phenomenological tendency, with interface of Sociocultural Geography, with the main goal of observing how the senses are constituted in the Amazonian communities, and the perception of the subjects and their social representations on the importance, use and preservation of water. The author points out, as a result of her research, that the Amazonian communities observed exposed the intimate senses in relation to the waters that constitute their identities and, through these senses, identified the connections between social phenomena and the problems that surround their waters, the world in which they live.

In the History section, Eder Adriano Pereira, in the article 'Conflicts and power relations between justice and genders: The crime of seduction of minors in the Brazilian legal literature - 1940-1990', presents an analysis of the crimes of seduction of minors that occurred between 1940, with the advent of the Criminal Code, until 1990, with the implementation of the Statute of the Child and Adolescent, ECA, through seventeen procedural sources, filed at the Center for Documentation and Research Support - CEDAP, located at UNESP/Assis-SP. The last section of this issue is dedicated to Psychology. Therein, we publish the article 'Perceptions about the quality of life among elderly participating in an Open University to Maturity', by Nádia Peixoto, Lara Carvalho Vilela Lima and Cléria Maria Lobo Bittar, whose objective is to evaluate the quality of life (QoL) perceptions of elderly people who attended the Open University for Maturity - UNABEM, at the State University of Minas Gerais, Passos Unit. The conclusion of the authors is that elderly people participating in activities such as those offered at UNABEM are able to have a better perception of global QoL, especially in relation to social interaction, a relevant aspect that positively influences this stage of life.

We hope that reading the articles published here will be of interest and useful to our readers.

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