Abstract

This paper analyzes recent scenarios of the territorial restructuring and the new roles of territories as links of the global society, specially limited to the case of the Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The constitutional reform of the Brazilian economy southeast portion of the country - particularly in Rio Grande do Sul, a southern state that borders Argentina and Uruguay. The above process has redefined the role of borders from defensive to articulating, focusing the strategic infrastructure and the industrial economy’s dynamic nuclei toward the geoeconomical core Mercosur. This has led to deepening of the interregional inequalities in southeastern and southern Brazil, as well as internally among the Federation states.

Keywords

Government reforms, territorial restructuring, role of territories, MERCOSUR.