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Editorial

Dear readers,

It is with great enthusiasm that we, the editors of the **Journal of Economics and Public Policies**, Professor Dr. Paula Cares Bustamante and Professor Dr. Luiz Rezende, present the second edition of 2024. The second edition of 2024 addresses relevant topics on the challenges and advances in the field of economics and politics, both in Brazil and in a global context.

We begin this issue with an analysis of the Taiwan issue in Sino-American relations, providing perspectives on the geopolitical and economic implications of this complex issue. We then analyze the rise and fall of the industrialization model in Mozambique, highlighting the impact of overvalued exchange rate policies on the country's economic development.

In the national scenario, we will address the regularity of teaching in Minas Gerais through spatial econometric techniques and present an investigation on macroeconomic indicators and the indebtedness of Brazilian families, presenting an overview of the current economic and social situation. In the same line, we will examine the elasticity of credit for household consumption, with a cut-off from 2011 to 2023, revealing important insights on the dynamics of personal credit in Brazil.

Aspects of economic behavior are highlighted in an article on rationality and biases, which explores the difficulties of risk-averse investors in making effective decisions.

Complementing this block, this edition presents an analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on the coffee sector in Manhuaçu-MG, this article assesses the economic consequences of the pandemic on one of the country's main commodities.

In the field of public policy, the Journal presents studies on the evolution of the participation of black women from Maranhão in higher education, as well as a comparison of the effects of the commercialization of private higher education in Brazil and South Korea. In a sensitive and urgent area, the issue of the decriminalization of abortion is discussed with an estimate of the costs for the Unified Health System (SUS).

To close this edition, two articles reflect on modernization and governance: the first investigates electronic government as a tool to promote open government, and the second is a reply to the article “Towards a history of national accounts in Brazil” addressing the implementation and evolution of the Brazilian National Accounting System.

The diversity of the topics and the depth of the analyses reaffirm the commitment of the **Journal Economia e Políticas Públicas** (ISSN 2318-647X), a publication of the Department of Economics and the Graduate Program in Economic Development and Business Strategy (PPGDEE) of the State University of Montes Claros (UNIONTES) to the dissemination of quality scientific knowledge, promoting debate and the development of new perspectives. We hope that this issue will contribute to the enrichment, knowledge and promotion of valuable discussions in the field of economics and politics.

Happy reading!

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