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EDITORIAL

In this second issue of *Gobernar: The Journal of Latin American Public Policy and Governance*, we continue our commitment to build a collaborative space between global North and global South. Likewise, we advance in the idea of editing a biannual bilingual Journal, both in Spanish and English, to appeal to a wider audience than which is usually served by Latin American or Anglo-Saxon journals. On this occasion, *Gobernar* includes articles in the two languages of scholars from Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Germany and the United States.

On the other hand, this second number reaffirms our alliance with the *Inter-American Network of Education in Public Administration* (INPAE), presenting to our readers the winning article of the Network conference in Lima (2017). The article was awarded the Oscar Oszlak Prize, an important initiative of INPAE in Latin America to highlight the best of academic production in the areas of public administration and public policy. Readers may recall that Dr. Oszlak contributed an essay to our inaugural issue, and we welcome the continued connection to this venerable Latin American scholar. It is also important to note that this second issue came out at the same time that INPAE was hosting its meeting in Guadalajara (Mexico). There, our full team of editors worked together for a week with many of the members of our committee in order to keep strengthening our journal. This joint work, which has been ongoing for more than a year and a half, reveals today real achievements that have made the network and the journal more rigorous, such as the new requirements for presentation of papers and the creation of the award.

Additionally, it is worth highlighting the consistency of this new number, with the editorial line postulated in the first issue. As some readers might remember, one of our objectives is to create a space to debate Latin American public management, a topic that is addressed in this second issue from the accountability and open government perspectives. Regarding the former, the article by Erik Moreno, Christopher Ramírez and Matías Salazar makes an interesting comparative analysis in five countries of Latin America. This is precisely the methodology that this Journal should encourage according to Oszlak's article in our opening number. In the same line, Guillermo Cejudo, Cynthia Michel, Armando Sobrino and Marcela Vázquez, contribute to this second issue with another article that also stands out for its rigor, proposing a methodology that measures open government in Mexico based on a study 908 offices governmental participation.

On the other hand, this issue also reflects on the problems of governance in the context of weak states. As already mentioned in the first issue, one of the objectives of the journal is to encourage discussion about the implications of the construction of social order and public governance outside the contexts of strong states. In this regard, the article by

Luis Dávila on the craftsmanship of the social order and the book review of Mauricio García's latest work, offers an interesting insight. Mixing this theme with human talent management issues, we highlight the work of Fabián Telch and Pablo Sanabria, who carefully analyze the difficult working conditions of 6,000 public officials at a regional level in Colombia in terms of the burnout syndrome.

Finally, with more emphasis on a public policy approach, our readers should consider the work of Sophie Rähme, on the problems faced by the intended beneficiaries of comprehensive victim reparation programs. We also highlight the work of Santiago Leyva and Pablo Correa on the implementation of the Peace Agreement with the FARC also in Colombia. In the latter work, these two authors conduct a careful empirical study of the 64 organizations that have been commissioned to implement the agreements. Both works reflect well the criteria of methodological innovation that the journal seeks to support in order to foster the transformation of public administration and public policies studies in the continent.

As one can see, this second issue of *Gobernar: The Journal of Latin American Public Policy and Governance*, as we stated in the first issue, focuses on the dissemination of research articles from a wide range of related disciplines including: public administration, public policy, political science, economics, law and all other disciplines related to public affairs in general.

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