

Editorial

This issue of *Sociologies in Dialogue* gives continuity to our objective to intensify the dialogue among sociologists from South-South. It complements the discussion we have started about higher education in Brazil and China. The first article, *A Sino-Brazilian Study on Values, Lifestyles and Horizons*, written by Tom Dwyer, explains how the survey on Sino-Brazilian values, lifestyles and horizons among youth was organized and carried out. The next two articles, *Values orientation of contemporary Chinese college students and its changes*, by Wang Peng, and *Youth and higher education in Brazil*, by Ana Maria Nogales Vasconcelos, finished the set of studies analysing the theme.

The next three articles, *The Sociology of Agriculture and Food (1950s -2010s): A View from the North*, written by Alessandro Bonanno, *Crime and Elderly: A sociological analysis of ageing and violence*, by Marília Patta Ramos, and *Vote and Protest in Argentina and Brazil: contemporary research-based reflections on political participation*, by Camila Penna, Marcelo C. Rosa and Sebastián Pereyra, deal with issues that are on the top of the research and political agendas in emerging and developed countries.

The studies address the problem of producing food for a fast-growing population in a sustainable way; issues related to the crime in places where the demographic transition is on its way, and the political behaviour in two Latin American countries, Argentina and Brazil, where right wing movements and parties have achieved a new and unprecedented protagonism since the redemocratization of their political regimes.

We hope the studies will help sociologists who investigate those themes and stimulate others to study subjects so relevant in contemporary societies.

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