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Presentation

The modern world has been erected thanks to migrations; however, this topic has become complex in contemporary times; an analysis from an administrative and political science point of view has been poor. Thus, the 128th issue of the Public Administration Journal is coordinated by Cecilia Imaz, she has a PhD in Political Sciences from the UNAM, where she is a tenured professor. She is currently a member of the National System of Researchers, Level II, and has been president of the Advisory Council of the National Migration Institute. Their research lines are migratory policies and governance of international migration. This issue has a series of articles that highlights an updated diagnosis of the main migration flows, legal framework, public policies, migration programs and civil society participation in these ever growing and complex processes.

Migration has become one of the most important issues in the agendas of international governments. This is why INAP considered it relevant to publish an issue of its central journal dedicated to this topic, which includes research carried out to try and face challenges regarding the definition, execution and monitoring of public migration policies promoted by *Scalabrini International Migration Network* (SIMN); which implemented a monitoring system of migration-related public policies and permanent connection between migration decision makers. One of the specific activities of this monitoring system is research and its results can be found in our journal.

Leonir Chiarello and Lelio Mármora explain the reasons, goals and contributions made by four Latin American countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico; they offer us an up-to-date diagnosis of the main trends of migrations flows and the initiatives made by political and social actors that work in migration research areas.

Carlos Heredia Zubieta presents an overview of migration public policies. He describes the way migration movements take place in the American continent and explains how the regional spaces of mobility operate and the integration of labor markets in the hemisphere; he also develops proposals related to the formulation of migration public policies.

Cecilia Imaz carried out a study regarding migration dynamics in Mexico, as well as formulated and implemented policies whose goal is to solve challenges and problems, as well as fulfill international commitments. Her perspective regarding these problems allows us to know the complexity of interrelated fields and the challenges of inter-institutional coordination and effectiveness of current public policies.

Rodolfo Casillas studies government policies and ecclesiastical policies in Mexico, he carries out an historical review of the participation authorities, churches and secular organisms have had in in philanthropic, welfare, humanitarian, credit and other activities; to explain why some churches in our country develop welfare activities and others do not in accordance to the current constitutional framework regarding religious matters.

Lelio Mármora analyzes the State's and civil society's role in the development of migration public policies in the Republic of Argentina. He pays special attention to immigration and emigration movements, the evolution of migration policies up to this day, its institutional structure and regulatory framework and studies participating programs, associations and the way citizens participate.

Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez Mojica analyzes Colombian migration policies and studies forced displacement, which also happens in other countries that have also been studied, it was carried out in the Victims and Land Restitution Law context in said country. The author considers that talking about the displaced ones means understanding the relationship between the inspiration of the law by public policy itself.

Neide Patarra writes about the meaning and consequences of great economic, social, political, demographic and cultural transformations that take place in globalization contexts. She pays special attention to Brazil and studies migration from a human rights perspective, its contradictions and tensions. Its study is framed and contextualized into an overall perspective which describes the legal-institutional body that circumscribes programs and actions regarding the official proposals on migration policies in this region.

This journal compiles these diagnosis, reflections and proposals regarding an important issue for Mexico and Latin America and many other nations worldwide. It also describes public policies and public policy initiatives to face challenges brought on by immigration, emigration, transmigration and people displacement in a global world; laws to help migrants evolve are sought and at the same time restrictive policies are established due to phenomena such as economical-social gap, impoverishment of large sectors of the population, inequality and lack of social cohesion, economic crises, slow growth of job opportunities, natural disasters and violence.

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