

PRESENTATION: SPECIAL DOSSIER ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ANGOLA

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In this special dossier of Austral Journal, we present selected articles resulting from collective research coordinated by the Professors Michelle Ratton Sanchez Badin, from the Law School of Fundação Getulio Vargas, and Fabio Morosini, from the Graduate Program in International Strategic Studies at UFRGS, around two research projects: Empirical Evidence on Foreign Investment in Brazilian Regulatory Perspective: 2003-2014 (Universal Call Notice MCTI / CNPq / MEC / CAPES n. 43/2013) and New economic partners in Brazil and regulatory instruments in this respect: an empirical approach to the case of Angola (Notice FAPESP 2014 / 25776-4).

In November 2015 we celebrated forty years of diplomatic relations between Angola and Brazil. This celebration carries with it series of symbolic elements to the story of both countries and their bilateral relations, and also concrete results of the growing integration between countries. This special dossier focuses on economic relations between Angola and Brazil and some subjects that we have identified as most important to understand the particularities of the relations between the countries, in a context of South-South approaches.

We note that the economic diplomacy in relations between Angola and Brazil includes specific political, legal and economic instruments to this relationship, which are fed by both internal and external, public and private processes. Considering Angola and Brazil as Global South countries, parts of a movement of alignment and coordinated action in order to build spaces

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of common and strengthened exchange, there are peculiarities in these relations that need and deserve deeper analysis. In this sense, the dossier aims to stimulate the discussion of experts on the latest bilateral relations between Angola and Brazil.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries, considering the recognition of Angola's independence by Brazil in 1975 as a landmark, had advanced in the last forty years, in cooperation plans and in the development of shared interests by both parts. Economic relations in this space are particularly important and are reflected in the coordination processes for the intensification of bilateral trade, investment flows and their forms of financing, which are the focus of this dossier.