Purpose of the special issue:

The COVID-19 pandemic in Brazil revealed to us a federative crisis that originated in the federal government, evidenced by the lack of nationwide coordination across various public policy areas, particularly in the management of the health crisis. This was shown in the obstacles and difficulties in the execution of services shared by the three spheres of management – federal government, states, and municipalities. The current situation shows an attempt to break with some existing inter-federative articulation in the country, something that goes against the gains of federative policy learning, which has been built in the last three decades, particularly around national public policy systems.

Despite this scenario, local and cooperative experiences are observed between states and municipalities, seeking to free themselves from the inaction and negligence arising from the federal government’s lack of coordination. These experiences, however, also show conflicts between spheres of state and municipal management in various policies and actions aimed at mitigating the effects of the pandemic. State and municipal governments are faced with a very complex reality in which, even when acting responsibly, they encounter an obstacle marked by lack of coordination and inter-federative conflict, which reduces the effectiveness of state action in implementing policies to guarantee the rights of all citizens.

This special edition aims to analyze the current federative crisis in Brazil in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing studies and reflections that help elucidate its various dimensions, both to explain the crisis in detail and to point out innovative and cooperative ways out by federated entities in the face of the problems faced, as well as future perspectives.

To this end, we offer an invitation to research papers that discuss, among others, the following topics of analysis:

1. Federative coordination in the pandemic and the role of the federal government.
2. Role and performance of the Unified Health System (SUS) in tackling the pandemic.
3. Jurisdictional conflicts between states and municipalities in the pandemic.
4. Public finances and inter-federative transfers in the pandemic.
5. Municipal autonomy and municipal state capacities to face the pandemic.
6. Brazilian states and federative cooperation to face the pandemic.
7. Comparative international perspective – experiences of federalist countries in coping with the pandemic.
8. Subnational innovation, instruments and coordination mechanisms developed in the pandemic.
10. Education and Brazilian (state and municipal) networks during the pandemic.

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