

# Review of: "From International to Subnational: A Contribution to the Insertion of Subnational Governments in Northeastern Brazil in the Internationalization of Public Policies."

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I read carefully the paper entitled "From International to Subnational: A Contribution to the Insertion of Subnational Governments in Northeastern Brazil in the Internationalization of Public Policies" and I think it makes an interesting contribution to the field of internationalization of public policy for different reasons:

1. Firstly, it focuses on a bunch of under-analyzed cases as the Brazilian northeastern states. By centering on the sub-national level, the author(s) provide(s) a refreshing viewpoint on the issue of policy transfer (usually limited to the US/EU cases).
2. Secondly, the paper mixes two complementary dimensions (research and training) through an original project of literature review.
3. Thirdly, the author(s) demonstrate(s) that some commonplaces are simply wrong: Brazilian northeastern states are not mere policy-takers and they also provide innovative solutions to other territories.
4. Lastly, the methodology (review, snowballing, mapping) is original, simple and comprehensive.

I only have two questions/criticisms:

1. Which criteria did the researchers use to identify the public policies they analyzed? (only the keywords provided in the text? or a minimum level of funding?) Did they control their findings through interviews with local policymakers?
2. This bibliometric approach looks like the PRISMA methodology. Did the author(s) draw lessons from it? (<http://prisma-statement.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>).

Congratulations for the paper.

Best regards.

