

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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The article addresses a relevant topic such as the processes of transnational diffusion of public policies, and explores its relationship with the influence of international relations (IR) on local public policies. The authors demonstrate knowledge of recent literature on policy diffusion. However, the argument could be made more robust by discussing the work of other authors linked to the subject (i.e. Diane Stone, since the role of transfer agents is important here), or the most recent literature on policy assemblages (Howlett ; McCann; Ward, etc.). In addition, if the authors are interested on South-South Cooperation, they might find valuable insight in the work of other Latin American authors (e.i. Milhorange de Castro; Montero; Osorio Gonnet; Pachecho Vega, etc.)

The relevance of the extension/training course in Public Policies and International Diffusion organized through the Observatory of Decentralized Internationalization in Focus should be clearly stated in the introduction.

The article is well written, the case analysis is as enriching as it is abundant in detail, and the contribution to the expansion of available knowledge is clearly stated. On the other hand, the lack of segments specifically dedicated to explaining the theoretical framework and the methodology used makes it look like an essay (or a systematization of an experience). It is suggested to use a classic structure and, whenever possible, limit the use of long sentences since they hinder the flow for the reader. The article would also gain clarity through a more consistent use of pronouns and the passive voice.

Summarizing, I consider that the article is publishable if minor modifications are made.