

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 consider the study relevant and updated. The authors did a robust empirical study and I congratulate them for that. However, it is recommended the research to present and discuss the theoretical framework that guided the study, so as to be clear from where the authors are discussing their arguments and presenting their results.

The two research questions were, in reality, unfolded into four of them: 1. have the state governments of the northeastern region of Brazil been playing a leading role **and** 2. have they been the stage of experiences of internationalization of public policies? 3. What is the state of the art of the field of diffusion of PP in Brazilian research **and** 4. how has IR participated in this field? I suggest to rethink these questions to make them more concise.

Challenges and limitations to address the results should be overtly posed.

As far as these notes are observed I consider it to be published.