

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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Dear authors: first of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of revise your paper.

I will offer you below some intuitions ('bullets') and I didn't ordenate them on positive or negative ones.

Before starting, please be aware that they are MY perceptions; perhaps you disagree, and this is Science (with capital letter).

- Your introduction is quite appropriate, and reveals all important issues in the paper.
- I am not convinced that 'State of the Art of Scientific Production' is an appropriate keyword.
- In your introduction, you've anchored some inferences about little presence of IR on Oliveira & Faria (2017); however, they've conducted a systematic survey on 2016. Later, I realize you've updated this issue (and the reality have shown a quite changing - see Table 1 and beyond). You could reveal that since the introduction.
- I suggest including in your introduction (or further ahead) the classical concepts of isomorphic mechanisms (coercive, adaptive or mimetic).
- Your text in section III is quite appropriate and inspires many intuitions of new research topics.
- I am aware of the risks of including some 'political issues' in the discution, but it seems to me that the movement of IR increases till 2018 and then it fade away... Some connections with the positions Brazil assumed in international scenario are evident, don't you think? I expeced some discution about that on your paper.
- To conclude, your paper was really interesting and inspiring. Thank you.