

With great pleasure, we present volume 8, number 2 of the Revista de Ensino e Pesquisa em Administração e Engenharia – **REPAE**, which in its four selected articles offers glimpses of the intellectual efforts and resilience of Brazilian researchers, mainly in the field of science. applied social.

The plural cast of themes dealt with in the tome, which we now offer, of **REPAE** are quite distinct, with theoretical outlines marked by different interpretations, but consistent and full of argumentative elements.

Our journal is overwhelming proof that in science, the truth belongs to no one and that, yes, disparate worldviews can coexist, which is healthy for science itself.

We believe that the social sciences are, or should be, polysemic. There is unmistakable ambiguity in the social sciences, that is, a variety of interpretations, which of course do not dispense with a few more turns of tightening the reflexive screw that, after all, is the centerpiece, the normative axis of our own science.

However, nowadays social science or, if we choose the expression, “human reason” seems to prefer the comfort of easy belief and peaceful, lukewarm acceptance over reality and, above all, that a few compensatory adjustments will suffice to solve any and all derangements that the real world, the world of real things, inflicts on us.

Part of what is seen today in the social sciences is nothing more than tiresome repetitions of decontextualized and feigned impartial themes. It turns out that science is not neutral. Those who consider it this way either do so because of the typical naivety of positivists who tend to separate theory and the phenomenon experienced, or, worse, because they believe in modernisms and discussions that “are in vogue”, which are true myths.

In the past, vikings believed that lightning was caused by the god Thor when he threw his hammer into flames. Interestingly, Norse mythology had faith that what they called Ragnarok, that is, the end of time, would happen. An end that was inevitable even for the gods. It so happens that the myth of Thor and his hammer, mjolmir, succumbed not to the end of time (to ragnarok) but to serious and critical scientific observation.

In the articles chosen in this volume, the production of academics and research groups from various institutions that are dedicated to serious observation in the field of Applied Social Sciences, expanding knowledge and understanding of the presence of authentic knowledge, which is propagated here as a textual modality, in all cases, very well constructed.

Thus, the articles compiled in the now released issue of **REPAE** offer carefully crafted works that move away from common sense or the myth of what is hypothetically scientific and, on the contrary, focus on the critical and systematic sense of authentic science, which rises from reflective and collaborative way.

In this edition, 4 articles are presented, in the first of them the authors Nando Maia Germano, Renato Silva Nicoletti and João Paulo Boff Almeida, investigated, through parametric analysis, the influence of design variables on the bearing capacity of concrete beams, columns and slabs armed.

In the second, authors Giovana Ribeiro Campos, Jadir Perpétuo dos Santos and Priscila Araújo de Carvalho investigated how a Corporate University is developed, planned and its functioning within companies.

In the third part, the authors Vitor Yoshihara Miano, Arthur Azevedo Batisaco and Arthur Gebhard Martin dos Santos approach the case of a professional and entrepreneur who offers mechanical and lathe services in his workshop, with technical skills, but without managerial training, making it difficult to assess fair prices for his services.

In the fourth, the authors Gilmara Lima de Elua Roble, Alessandro Marco Rosini and Maria do Carmo Oliveira, seek to know the perception of employees regarding their quality of life at work, to assess their satisfaction in companies that have social responsibility actions.

We wish you all good reading.
Yours sincerely,
editorial board