

On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of democracy in Argentina, SAAP Journal is calling for academic papers to be included in the following dossier, to be published in Volume 17, Number 2, 2023.

**Studies on the Legislative and Executive Powers in Latin America four Decades after the Transition to Democracy. New Agendas and Methods.**

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The legislative and executive powers in Latin America have proven to be relevant areas of study not only for those who investigate the region but also for discussing theories developed for other cases and for making intra-regional comparisons. Over the decades, the theoretical and empirical contributions from Latin America have expanded remarkably. What are the novelties in this field? What original findings, new data, perspectives, or research techniques are on the frontier of knowledge to studying the executive power, the legislature, and congress of different levels of government? What is the relationship between powers in dictatorship and democracy? Do the incentives for the legislators' behavior since the transition to democracy show continuities? Or, instead, are there processes that have been altering the way legislation is produced and interacts with its principals and other institutional actors? What attitudes do citizens have towards the political system, democracy, institutions, and politicians? How does the institutional design condition the electoral opportunities for different groups? What perceptions do voters have on affirmative laws towards minority groups and the expansion agenda of rights? How are parties organized in the legislative arena around the new demands of society? These are just some of the questions being asked. Research papers that focus on different Latin American countries or comparisons between them, that look at one or different levels of government with multilevel perspectives, different hypothesis control methods (experiments, statistical study, comparative, case, ethnography) and theories are welcome.

Academic paper proposals must meet the following criteria:

- They must be original academic papers prepared with theoretical and methodological rigor. There must be a research problem, a tentative answer (hypothesis), a review of established knowledge, some novel contribution and, if applicable, empirical evidence to support the argument. Essays will not be accepted.
- They must be case studies or comparisons of different countries in the region.
- They must comply with the limit, format, and editing requirements stipulated by SAAP Journal.
- They may be written in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.
- They will be assessed through the blind peer-review process.

The deadline for submitting papers is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.