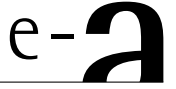


# almanack braziliense

## electronic magazine

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Among scholarly concerns in the late 20th century, two particular historical variables have attracted considerable attention: globalization and the national question. In Brazil, similarly as to what happened in other countries, that process led to a huge flow of academic encounters, new books and articles. There were also several other reactions to these perplexing and profound changes that subverted established views, both in regard to our being in the world and the condition of being Brazilian within a diverse human context.

In that setting, a group of historians working in universities in the state of São Paulo – latter joined by colleagues from other regions of the country – became convinced that globalization and national question are not only issues of a theoretical and practical nature (that must be dealt together). It became clear that the understanding of our future in the world requires knowledge of how we became what we are today. Therefore, that group of historians agreed to intervene in the public debate by investigating the relations between state and nation in the overcoming of the political and social order of the Portuguese Ancien Régime framework.

The mentioned academic review process dates back to the early 90s, based on a research strategy aware of the somewhat inadequate widely accepted view of the state as responsible for the birth of the nation, in the Brazilian case. An organizational apparatus and high-quality research resource was received by The Foundation of Brazilian State and Nation (c.1750–c.1850) Theme Project, sponsored by FAPESP and by the Instituto de Estudos Brasileiros (Brazilian Studies Institute), this latter being the institute where the project is physically settled.

The fertile dialogue provided by the aforementioned project's members has led us to open a new forum of academic discussion. The forum provides a chance to share the debates and researches being conducted, and above all an opportunity to include national and international contributions to the project's field of inquiry, which covers the history of Portuguese America from the second half of the 18th century to the late developments of the Brazilian Empire. An electronic journal seemed the best way to reach this objective. Thus, Almanack Braziliense was created.

The journal is divided in five sections hoping to provide a place of debate and publication of the historiographical production in the field. The first section, called "Forum", comprises one basic text written by a distinguished scholar about a essential topic to the understanding of Brazilian and/or Portuguese America history, followed by discussions and comments by other scholars. The second section of the journal, contains "Articles" covering various historical and historiographical issues. "Research Reports" is the third section, that aims to provide the academic community with information about ongoing researches, including results of undergraduate research or new investigations carried out by Brazilian and foreign professors. The "Book Reviews", forth section is naturally designed to make known and present reviews of recently published books. Finally, there's the section named "Journals in Review", which presents small abstracts of articles published in the latest issues of national and international academic journals whose authors' main concerns are similar to those of the Almanack Braziliense.

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