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Editorial

Dear readers,

It is with great joy that we celebrate the launch of another issue of the **Journal of Economics and Public Policies (v.13, n.1 – 2025)**, published by the Department of Economics at Unimontes in partnership with the Graduate Program in Economic and Strategic Development (PPGDEE). This edition reaffirms our commitment to high-quality scientific dissemination in the fields of Economics, Economic History, and Public Policy.

We extend special thanks to Prof. Dr. Luiz Paulo Fontes de Rezende, Associate Editor of the journal, whose partnership and dedication have been fundamental in making each new publication possible.

We also sincerely thank the authors who contributed innovative and relevant articles, enriching the debate on key issues of today's public and economic agenda.

We are particularly pleased to highlight the participation of Prof. Dr. Sara Gonçalves Antunes de Souza and Prof. Dr. Valter de Souza Filho, who organized the collection *Interiorização da Inovação* (The Spread of Innovation), featuring case studies conducted in the states of Minas Gerais and São Paulo within the framework of the ALI/SEBRAE Program. This contribution offers a valuable regional perspective and deepens the reflection on local economic development and the role of public policies.

This issue is a must-read. We invite the entire academic and professional community to explore the articles, reflect on the challenges presented, and share ideas.

Enjoy your reading! And see you in the next issue!

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