

Project # 4: Thematic Cartography Applied to International Relations

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The objective of this project is to develop a thematic cartography methodology that can be applied to different fields of international relations, as has been done in the cases of the *Atlas of Brazilian Foreign Policy* and the *Atlas of Brazilian Defence Policy*. The thematic cartography proposed here brings together, in a scientific and educational way, the main themes related to international relations and Brazilian foreign policy; it is the result of joint work by researchers from various disciplines and academic perspectives who will come together to study Brazil's international relations and foreign policy by making use of systematized data gathered from a wide range of approaches (e.g. political, economic, environmental, social, cultural, sociological, legal, etc.). The project assumes that it is necessary to expand cartographic knowledge in order to spatialize information about the country's international integration. At the same time, the cartographers need to confer greater precision to the political gaze in order to produce relevant representations regarding the same phenomenon. At the heart of the project is the partnership that has been established with the Atelier of Cartography of Sciences Po, between 2012 and 2014, which led to the creation of the Atelier of Cartography of Labmundo, at IESP-UERJ.

Main Goal

To develop a methodology of thematic cartography applied to the analysis of Brazil's foreign policy, so as to map out (and to deepen the analysis of) the themes, agendas and governmental and non-governmental actors, tensions, contradictions and modes of cooperation between Brazil and Latin America, Africa, the countries of the North and other countries of the South.

Objectives

- To display, by adopting a spatial perspective, the data on Brazil's international relations and foreign policy (BFP), taking into account different levels of analysis (national, regional and global);
- To disseminate, within society in general, the debate on relevant processes in the field of international relations and BFP;
- To contribute, through the use of thematic cartography, to problematize new issues in international relations and BFP;
- To help the advancement of the production of educational resources in the areas of political science, international relations and strategic studies, by mapping out the country's international relations and illustrating them through maps, matrices, chronological lines, graphs, etc.

In order to see the main results that have been obtained thus far, the following links can be accessed:

- Atlas da Política Externa Brasileira (in Portuguese)

https://www.clacso.org.ar/libreria-latinoamericana/buscar_libro_detalle.php?id_libro=927&campo=titulo&texto=Atlas

- Atlas de la Política Exterior Brasileña (in Spanish)

https://www.clacso.org.ar/libreria-latinoamericana/buscar_libro_detalle.php?id_libro=987&campo=titulo&texto=Atlas

- Atlas of Brazilian Foreign Policy (in English)

https://www.clacso.org.ar/libreria-latinoamericana/buscar_libro_detalle.php?id_libro=1113&campo=titulo&texto=Atlas

- Atlas da Política Brasileira de Defesa (in Portuguese)

https://www.clacso.org.ar/libreria-latinoamericana/buscar_libro_detalle.php?id_libro=1227&campo=titulo&texto=Atlas