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The first edition of the *IPRI Policy Briefs*, organized by the International Relations Research Institute (IPRI) of the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG), brings together the results of analyses conducted by the IPRI Contemporary Research Group. The *Policy Brief* format aims to translate complex research into evidence-based policy observations. It summarizes key issues, presents research findings, and offers policy options in clear and accessible language. The goal is to inform the non-specialist public. It seeks to reach readers outside the academic world who are looking for reliable information to form critical opinions on international issues.

The “IPRI Contemporary Research” Group oversees studies along three lines of investigation: the crisis of multilateralism and global governance; cooperation and international agenda issues; Brazil and the world – Brazilian foreign policy. It relies on the participation of researchers from different academic institutions and regions of the country, who join efforts with a team of international relations analysts through the IPRI Volunteer Researchers Program, initiated in July 2024.

The IPRI Volunteer Researchers Program is a milestone for the development of research at FUNAG, based on its own guidelines and duly registered with the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development databases. The corresponding legislation (Volunteer Law) allows for greater engagement between the Foundation and researchers nationwide for the production of knowledge on contemporary issues in international relations.

In the first year of the program’s implementation, nine studies were conducted, eight of which are ongoing and present their results in this publication based on three guiding themes: 1) *Diplomacy and international*

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integration: global Brazil, UN reform, BRICS, subnational paradiplomacy;
2) *Governance and regulation*: land, energy, climate, gender equality;
3) *Transnational challenges*: irregular immigration, migrant smuggling, climate change. The *Policy Briefs* also articulate the concepts of *sustainability and social justice* from the perspective of gender equality, climate, land and energy governance, connecting those issues with the pursuit of sustainable and inclusive development. Furthermore, they bring the *local vs. global* perspective to issues related to Brazil's international integration.

The *IPRI Policy Briefs* seek to draw attention to contemporary issues in research development, which is one of FUNAG's strategic objectives, thereby fulfilling its purpose of producing knowledge that contributes to a critical analysis of international issues.

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