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It focuses on the book Geography of Health: environments and social subjects in the globalized world, by José Aldemir de Oliveira and Geraldo Alves de Souza, published in 2016 by the editor of the Federal University of Amazonas - EDUA, the theme of medical geography.

The article presents 308 pages, sixteen articles presented and debated at the Fifth International Conference of Geography of Health in November 2014, in the city of Manaus, capital of the State of Amazonas, Brazil.

The topic is exposed by the authors in a relevant and consistent way, articulating the relationship between the global / local with the space and health situation of the social subjects. The research book of students, professionals inserted in the health services, specialists, teachers and researchers related to the health geography of different places, such as Portugal, Brazil and other countries of Latin America.

Its purpose was therefore to broaden the dissemination of research, and thereby contribute to the advancement of this area of knowledge, which has increased the number of studies and publications in recent years. In

addition. the relationships established determinants, between the health territories and the actual results of public policies.

The work is divided into seventeen chapters in two parts: Part I - Health Geography: Theoretical and Methodological Studies and Part II - Health Geography: Regional Studies.

The contents constructed are constructed in a language that is easy to understand not only to the specialists, but also to the beginners. It should be stressed that the presence of three articles in Spanish requires the reader to have prior knowledge of the foreign language in order to better understand them.

In the articles in part I, the theoretical and methodological points of view of the insertion of space as an explanatory dimension of human endemics and their relations with the environment in the contemporary world in general are discussed. Eight studies are presented, being: Right to health and life conception of well-being: Environments and social subjects in the globalized world: the geography of health and knowledge; areas

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environment and work in the construction of a social ethic; Epidemiology of the 21st century and cyberspace: rethinking the theory of power and social determination of health; From action in health to action for health;

Health geography: background, theoretical aspects and perspectives; For an inclusive approach to health geography in Mozambique and Health in Brazil: political-institutional history x traditional actors and practices.

In Part II, topics of major importance for the understanding of health and disease at the regional level are dealt with sequentially. Eight studies are also presented: Health care in aging populations: provision of continuous and palliative care in the Mogadouro unit, Planalto Mirandez - Portugal; Use and modernization of the territory: the geography of health and food in the heart of the Amazonian forest; **Transformations** maintenance of eating habits among the elderly in the cities of Tefé, Alvarães and Uarini; Urban modes and contributions to sedentarism in the population of Manacapuru -Amazonas, Brazil; Monitoring development in the reduction of road traffic injuries and deaths; The Health Assistance System in Manaus transit: the distribution of the stations and the attendance to the victims of traffic accidents; The sacred and the symbolic in the healing by the word: the benzene of Parintins and The oil rents and the health budget.

The authors' conclusions are presented at the end of each chapter and the importance of discussion and articulation of the global / local space with health issues is noticeable. It can also be concluded from the chapters presented that there is an intersection of natural, cultural and behavioral phenomena that interfere in the health-disease process.

In relation to style, texts are written in a correct, concise, clear and coherent language. In terms of form, there is a balance in the arrangement of the parts with organized chapters.

There is a range of elements such as photos, flowcharts and graphics. It is added, however, that gray and black scale is a normative characteristic of scientific publications, that the work presents negative points for its reading and that it could be better worked with more care in its colors, dimensions and present subtitles. On page 107, for example, it is difficult to see the data and information that sometimes renders readable and interpreted the data contained.

It is believed, however, that the work is a propeller for learning in the area with a

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collection of research on the subject and an important range of participants from different backgrounds and professions.

It is directed and recommended, finally, the publication for students, teachers, health professionals and everyone who has an interest in the subject, since the content is configured with scientific research, providing the reader with an interdisciplinary understanding of the link between the conditions of the environment and public health.

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