



## **FIGHTS AND STRUGGLES AGAINST THE INSTALLATION OF IGUA COLONY IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (1935-1953)**

**Luiz Maurício de Abreu Arruda \***

*\* Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ)  
luizmaur@hotmail.com*

### **Abstract**

The objective of this research was to analyze the origins of the first leprosarium in State of Rio de Janeiro: a Colônia do Iguá, in Itaboraí, and know the political and social impacts with its fixation. In the first half of the twentieth Itaboraí thought recover the situation of economic strength and political who lived between the eighteenth and nineteenth century when it occupied an important role in the Brazilian economy.

With the construction of the leprosarium was a resistance movement to its installation in the locality causing collisions from those who believed that this fact would undermine the economic revival of the region. However, contrary to imagine this local elite, a fixation of the 'City of Lazarus', has become a great ally in the fight for basic public service improvements for urban and economic development of the region.

The chronological milestones of research refer, respectively, to 1935 and 1953. These dates refer to the year of foundation stone for the construction of Cologne equalizing and time the municipality and the leprosarium received the new supply system water. This fact showed the alliance of local government with the institution and demonstrated that the presence of the colony did not represent loss but benefit to the population of Itaboraí.