

The Regional Economic Structure of Brazil in 1959: An Overview Based on an Inter-State Input-Output System

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This paper aims at describing the regional configuration of 1959 Brazil's productive structure through the estimation of an Inter-State Input-Output system. The estimated matrix is the oldest of this kind for Brazil. It can, hence, be an important tool for the study of the regional productive structure at an historical moment in which the regional question appeared as a central national issue. In this paper we describe estimation procedures and sources of data, and present some general characterization of the regional structure of the economy in 1959 through selected structural indicators.