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- “A Desintegração dos Jornais” (The Disintegration of Newspapers, media critic, 2015);
- “Um Tipógrafo na Colônia” (A Typographer in Colonial Brazil, history, 2014);
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