## Abstract

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In the end of 19th century, it was common and usual that politicians also assume the role of historians and mainly in the construction of a national history. One of these Brazilians was Pereira da Costa. He was state secretary and for 5 times deputy of Pernambuco state. Beyond his public functions he also published 192 historical works. This communication wants to discuss when the public man meets the historian and if is possible to nowadays, in the contemporary world, an ordinary man from the public service became a fruitful historian.