

Review of: "Redefining borders in the contested territory between San Pedro and San Andres Cholula"

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In the article "Redefiniendo fronteras en el territorio en disputa entre San Pedro y San Andrés Cholula" the author considers an issue related to the redefinition of the borders between two municipalities based on a geospatial analysis that incorporates a historical perspective, demographic and infrastructure aspects as well as municipal differences in public policies and urban planning. For this, it uses cartographic tools, analysis of official documents, urban codes, news from mass media. As a general suggestion, to facilitate reading I would anticipate the objective of the work, which appears in the second section referring to "Borders and boundaries: meaning and significance."

From my point of view, to the analysis of the Urban Development Plans where what is established therein is contrasted with the reality in both municipalities, I would add as an aspect to consider the protection of the historical, architectural and natural heritage. In this sense, the incentive mechanisms offered in the various urban planning codes to motivate the protection and conservation of natural and cultural heritage, although they usually emphasize its benefits, very rarely establish specific incentives that are implemented to motivate its effective protection.

Furthermore, as an opportunity for improvement, the incorporation of an analysis of citizens' perceptions of different factors linked to urban life could be mentioned.

Finally, beyond the limitations that exist and that the author himself recognizes, I consider that this type of analysis contributes by providing relevant information when carrying out territorial planning. In this way, the concept of "frontier" as a strategic planning tool is of interest to define intervention policies and evaluate their impact.