

Review of: "Participatory budgeting for public involvement in environmental sustainability at a Thai university"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Overall Comments

This research focused on the role participatory budgeting play in environmental sustainability. This study is vital in promoting knowledge in the development and sustainability literature. The authors must therefore be commended for attempting such as complex topic.

Abstract

The author(s) should briefly highlight the methods used to collect and analyse the data for this research in the abstract.

Introduction

The author(s) should note that there is a difference between an introduction for a research article and the definition of key concepts. The introduction is supposed to clearly discuss the topic, present the background of the study and elaborate on the research problem. The introduction in its present form failed to perform this important role. The author(s) should therefore read previous research articles published in high impact peer review journals to guide them in writing their introduction.

Literature Review

The sections that discussed participatory budgeting and sustainable projects in higher education should be put under the literature review section. The authors should also review literature on environmental sustainability because it is a key concept in the study. After the literature review, the author(s) should clearly discuss the gaps in the existing literature and how this research will help address these gaps.

Research methods

In the research methods section, the authors can include sections such as the context of the study, sources of data, data collection methods and data analysis. The way the sections are currently organized adversely affects the logical flow of the paper.

Results and Discussion

The results section is not elaborate enough. The author(s) ended up presenting only quotations as the results of the study. The section should be organized based on key themes developed from the data analysis. The section is supposed to present the findings of the study in a logical sequence and must address the research questions discussed in the introduction.

In presenting the discussion of the study, the author(s) are supposed to clearly discuss the findings of the study in a logical manner. The authors are also supposed to place the discussion within the context of existing literature.

Conclusion and writing style

The author(s) failed to present the conclusion of the study. In terms, of writing style, the author(s) presented the paper as if it is a report on a project. The author(s) should take a critical look at that. Additionally, the author(s) should that a critical look at the structure of the paper. The author(s) can take a look at previous papers published in high impact peer review journals to serve as a guide.