

Review of: "Institutions and Socioeconomic Development: Do Legacies and Proximity Matter? Case Studies of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand"

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This study is analytical and empirical from an academic perspective. It contributes to the continuing conversation around the topic. The purpose of this study is to investigate the role of political participation in political, socioeconomic, cultural and Institutional development.

The analysis includes several aspects that make an academic contribution. Nonetheless, I have the following suggestions that I believe, will strengthen the impact of the paper:

1. The format issue: there is no literature review section in the paper. It lacks systemic literature review section.
2. Lack of Updated literature review as most citations belong to 2018 (barring few from 2019 and 2020)
3. There is no clarity of objectives and use of variables not justified.
4. Inconsistency in research method: Particular point in reference is regression tables.

While Indonesia and Philippines were have same variables for regression, but Thailand (table 3) has different independent variables such as competitiveness and government effectiveness. The researchers need to clarify this.

1. There is a need of a thorough copy editing. The readers should experience fluency while reading the paper.