

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 a highly interesting issue related to the redefinition of the borders between two municipalities using cartographic tools, analysis of official documents, urban codes and news from mass media. At the beginning of the text the author goes back to pre-hispanic times to account for ethnic differences in population structure and territorial disputes. From my point of view, I believe a more detailed discussion of this topic may provide new data to study territorial borders and their redefinitions as ethnicity is an element which frequently transcends the socio-economic sphere and acts at a political level, setting borders between different communities. Exploring this topic in such a diverse context of identitarian manifestations, as the author states, may improve the understanding of the redefinitions presented in the article. On the other hand, I believe it would be useful to mention the concept of gentrification in the theoretical section to evaluate territory transformations and population displacement due to real estate developments with a high financial rentability and political-empresarial alliances. The evaluation of these variables would also clarify territorial definitions and constitute a key element to design urban planning policies.