

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

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The research requires greater conceptual and methodological clarity to better define the purpose of the research, the instruments used and the results obtained.

The term "border" is used to refer to two bordering municipalities that share a geographic space in the metropolitan area of Puebla. However, we consider that, to undertake an analysis of urban, public services and socioeconomic differences from a territorial point of view, it would be convenient and sufficient to study a single population. This dialectic, conflict or coexistence also occurs without the need to establish a comparison between adjacent cities. In this sense, the idea of cohesion can be mentioned from a triple dimension: territorial, social and identity. The latter, which is also a fundamental component in the formation of a town and a city, does not appear in the article. And it is precisely the factor that can induce the shared sense of belonging to a place and a community, from rational and emotional aspects. An article that may be useful on the consideration of identity, culture and traditions in the formation of borders is the following: <https://bage.age-geografia.es/ojs/index.php/bage/article/view/2570> In the methodology part, the review of statistical reports, news and municipal plans has been used mainly. However, the systematization is incomplete or ambiguous since the media consulted is not mentioned (neither the quantity nor the date of consultation, for example), the qualitative or quantitative procedure for obtaining information or the content analysis (or perhaps semiotic). In addition to mapping or translating some results to maps, it would also be appropriate to specifically carry out interviews, surveys or focus groups on topics or issues relevant to the research and not only access secondary sources. Likewise, it seems that there is an error because some maps are reiterated or at least it gives that impression. Finally, in the conclusions it would be advisable to reflect on the entire research approach and the results achieved.