

Review of: "Ecosystem Services Inequality Driven by Agroextractivism in Salamina, Colombia: A Critical Institutional Analysis"

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After reviewing the article, I consider that this article deserves publishing.

Some suggestions are presented that would require **minor** changes:

- **General comments**

- The article addresses a relevant topic, emphasizing the importance of the institutional framework of economies for their growth and development.
- The analysis carried out serves as a basis for others, providing information of interest in the field of study of the regional economy.
- The bibliography reviewed and included in the article is abundant, adequate and up-to-date. At this point, reference (even if brief) to North's work is suggested. (see North, D.C., 1990, *Institutions, institutional change and economic performance*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

- **Method (Critical Institutional Analysis and Development – CIAD)**

- Regarding the methodology used, the application of qualitative methods, such as critical institutional analysis, is positively valued. The article highlights the importance of qualitative methodologies, providing a methodological approach: 1) integrative (holistic approach to the problem), 2) contextual (recognition of the importance of *path-dependency* and *embeddedness*), 3) critical (the dominant models or paradigms are questioned), and 4) transformative (promoting reflection on concrete actions).
- A brief mention of the phases of institutional analysis is missing: 1) definition of the problem, 2) identification of stakeholders, 3) analysis of the relationships between actors, conflicts, power asymmetries, hidden agendas. For this, the incorporation of participatory processes is essential – see e.g, Hollingsworth, J. R., 2000. Doing institutional analysis: Implications for the study of innovations. *Review of International Political Economy*, 7 (4), 594-644, or Thomas, J. C., 2013. Citizen, customer, partner: Rethinking the place of the public in public management. *Public Administration Review*, 73 (6), 786-796 -.

- **Results and Discussion**

- The tables included in the article summarize important information, which helps to better understand the case study.
- The inclusion of a section dedicated to exposing the “Scope and Limitations” of the analysis is proposed.