

Review of: "A Review of Informal Employment Research"

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The paper submitted for our consideration is entitled "A review of research on informal employment". The aim of the paper was to "contribute to the formulation of policies aimed at ensuring the robust development of the informal economy and its practitioners".

After reading the paper, we can make the following remarks:

- The title of the paper does not match the objective pursued.
- We have not seen the policies for developing the informal economy formulated by the authors.
- The structuring of the paper does not suggest a demonstrative logic. We have the impression that the authors were content with the review of the works.

The question of informal employment arises in every country in the world today. However, the treatment that each country makes of this problem depends on several factors: the importance of informal employment in the economy, the level of development of the country, etc.

In Africa, for example, there are countries whose economy is based on informal employment or the informal sector. Researchers will not propose to these countries the same policies as to developed countries where the sector is less important. Therefore, in terms of contributions, we believe that:

- The organization of the paper in the spirit of the title requires firstly identifying the different trends in research on informal employment, secondly, showing the evolution of the different trends while identifying the different insufficiencies, and ending with a synthesis of research perspectives taking into account all the inadequacies,
- However, if the authors want to pursue their objective of formulating policies for the development of the informal sector, it will be necessary, after a synthesis of the literature, to contextualize the research. This will require presenting the characteristics of the Chinese economy: the weight of informal employment in the economy, the main motivations of Chinese people who work in the informal sector, their expectations, etc.
- If one or the other of these structures is retained, the authors must endeavor to discuss the literature. Otherwise, we feel that they have consulted many works but these works are not discussed enough to enlighten readers on the authors' objective.