Review of: "Austrian Economics Analysis for Failures and Paradoxes in the Digitalization of the Spanish Tourism Industry"

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The paper is still far from being a serious one.

Aside from typos (and the use of a Spanish mixed with English throughout the whole paper), the overall bad styling choices (text declared as figure with grammar correction suggestion still present) and confusing exposition (it says “see above” but sometimes there aren’t any relevant paragraphs before), it seems completely pointless.

Firstly, it declares to show that innovation, in the long run, creates more jobs than the ones that are destroyed; this is far from new (as it has been proved many times to do so), and it is usually taught during undergraduate modules.

Secondly, it makes a point in trying to remove the econometric/hard elements from measuring the impact of an event, declaring a somewhat better approach via a mix of old and new economic theories (which, by the way, are mainly based on economic models backed by a serious use of econometrics tools).

Thirdly, the so-called digitalization of tourism is never showed. Indeed, the “paradox” is due to the recent COVID pandemic which directly affected tourism, this not being directly influenced by the remote-work “revolution”. Furthermore, there are still many companies (and not workers) pushing for the return of in-presence work, as in a somewhat opposite-Luddism, so this “revolution” is still far from over (and so are the consequences).

There many other points to be considered, but I think that these should suffice in providing a thorough review of the work.