

# Review of: "From Necro-Politics to Necro-Ecology: framing the current climate environmental politics in the Americas"

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This is a theoretically rich and very interesting paper, which deals with a deeply important topic namely that the oceans will probably boil.

I think it needs clarification of the writing and editing for English grammar, but makes a strong contribution. Here are a few suggestions to to strengthen the organization of the paper, and with that I hope, the argument and the paper's unique contribution.

Introduction:

the writing here should be clarified and a narrative hook would be nice

I was confused when the paper suggested implications for governments.

i am not sure about calling a concept a tool, this makes it feel functional rather than theoretically rich, which it is. I would at least say analytic tool

I really enjoyed this :

And finally: When politicians disobey scientific advice on purpose, disregarding lessons learned and avoid to take decisions because to act goes against their political strategy or ideology, is that lawful or can it be considered a negative decision or necro-policy that affect the most?

Section 1.1-2

Necro-ecology is compelling term, congratulations on this I think you should highlight it more, currently it reads a bit like a (fascinating) lecture in a course on the concept rather than a theoretical paper — I would take this class but

you might simplify the intro to it, by beginning with the concept itself and then tracing its genealogy with the two parts of the term, and within those two explanations going more into detail with the other associated theorists.

Overall I encourage more of a synthesis than a list, and I would also eliminate the table. if these were elements of your own theoretical framing of necro-ecology it would make sense but it seems they aren't?

In the discussion of the theorists i would address - and counter- the interpretation that necro-ecology, or discussions of

'ecology' broadly can often be used to depoliticise research (political ecology is after all an attempt to address this, but has been used in US as an alternative to political economy). ie clarify if/that this is a recognition of the existential politics of ecology instead of a downscaling of necropolitics.

In the of COVID 19 pandemic is complicated since it was also taken up as a way to heal the environment (and agamben came out as an anti-masker. My partner is a foucault expert and suggested he would have been anti mask as well, as against the state's power to make life) WHY not choose more examples from your data?

1.3

this is compelling data. consider presenting it in 4 subsections corresponding to your 4 points

Conclusion

you write: in an era of severe environmental degradation, environmental decisions and actions taken by governments and corporations are biopolitical, necropolitical and paved the way for the extreme scenario of necro-ecology. Sovereign power regulates both human life and the environment and also exposes populations and natural regions to death and destruction.

YES BUT WHO? right now, only some people (eventually all of us)

your paper should deal more with the current inequalities in environment, and then suggest that if we keep going the only equality will be if we are all boiling in the ocean.

