

Review of: "Exploring factors explaining the scarcity of climate protests in East Asia"

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Major issues:

This is an interesting study with an interesting research gap. The statistical analysis is correct, it did what it can do, and the authors themselves see it very well that it has its limitations. I also feel that I am not convinced with these types of results. Hence, further answers should be sought, with different methods. Here, I have some suggestions. I wonder whether the history of environmentalism in East Asia says something about the central question of the article. Seeing the issue from Europe, I do not know how environmentalism in these countries were linked and to what extent to the environmentalism evolving in the West, or the East Asian environmentalism might even have a different story here. Relatedly, might it be a point that, as a factor of cultural psychology, that a movement originated from Europe, has a limited success in Asia?

Further, the study did not touch the broader societal-political context of the issue. We did not learn nothing about the state of the environment, environmentalism, environmental policy, climate policy in the countries in question, what is the role of the governmental and related institutions, and further, the role of the civic organizations in setting the environmental agenda in these countries.

Finally, it is stated in the article that climate change is an important issue in the research area, however, I would address the question of climate change perception in these countries how climate change is localized there, how respondents see the signs of it, how they perceive it is happening around them (or not).

Concerning the methods, I would urge the authors to continue the research with other methodological approaches beyond the quantitative realm; interview with protest organizers and participants, analysis of social media activities, posts and comments around climate protest events might bring us closer to the solution of the research question.

Minor issues:

Mesimäki is presented incorrectly in the reference list starting with the first name.