

Peer Review

Review of: "Geography Adds Value to All Scholarship: Construing the Obvious in Geographical Space"

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This is, in my view, a short and concise appraisal of the spatial research perspective that geographers bring to interdisciplinary science and scholarship. It is astonishing that the perception of academic geography among students and practitioners of other disciplines still varies to such an extent that some seem to mix up, as the author states in the introduction based on their lived experiences, a geographical trivia game with the epistemic essence of the academic discipline of geography. Given that such encounters could occur more often than professional geographers may think, this is, in my opinion, a short piece worth publishing.

The text is written with utmost clarity and is grounded in selected academic references to widely cited Anglophone geographical scholarship, but I think that the narrative could be improved in a few ways to make it even stronger. My suggestions for revisions are as follows:

1. Abstract: I do not think that the phrasing 'secondary data sources' is accurate because the author draws on reading, which is usually called 'secondary research'. My suggestion is to rephrase this sentence as follows: "The author relies on the works of prominent geographical scholars ...".
2. Abstract: The quotation marks around 'the mother of all disciplines' imply that this statement has been made in a different publication. If this were the case, this publication should be cited and discussed in the text, but since in this version of the narrative, this phrase remains uncommented upon, I agree with a previous reviewer that this statement seems to be over the top and should either be toned down or removed.
3. p. 2: Perhaps delete the word 'thus' so that it reads: "She responded confidently: ...".
4. p. 2: I think this should read 'phenomena' instead of 'phenomenon' in the last sentence of the section entitled 'Misconstruing ...'.

5. p. 3: This should probably read: (*apologies to Hegel*).

6. For further reading, I think that the following very accessible and comprehensive book should be cited on varying understandings of place and space for readers to understand what geography is about: Tim Cresswell, *Geographic Thought: A Critical Introduction* (Second edition, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2024).

Declarations

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