

Review of: "Redefining borders in the contested territory between San Pedro and San Andres Cholula"

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The article is based on solid research and investigates with appropriate methodologies and good theoretical foundations a topic of great social relevance, which is the construction of urban boundaries and their link with public policies, private interests and historical processes of creation of inequality and segregation. However, reading the text, one is left with the feeling that the valuable material collected by the author fails to be presented with sufficient clarity and coherence, for different reasons that I will explain below.

- The main problem of the article is that the initial part, before the presentation of the results, is confusing, since an excessive number of analysis criteria are enunciated and it is not clear how they all fit into the broader purpose of the research and the article. An initial paragraph explaining the general objectives, hypotheses and research methodology would help enormously to give more coherence to the text.

- At the beginning, mention is made of the historical processes of ethnical and political differentiation of the two urban units under analysis. I consider that these processes and their long duration deserve to be explained and analyzed with more precision, both in the pre-Hispanic and in the republican part.

The concept of "social justice" is inserted only in the final phase of the discussion of results, it should perhaps be mentioned from the beginning that it is a key notion in the proposed argumentation. While the discussions mentioned in the theoretical section are not recovered in the discussion.

- The text presents several typing, writing and form errors. A careful revision of the formal aspects and a copy-editing in English is recommended.