

Review of: "A Review of Informal Employment Research"

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The article proposes a review of the literature on informal employment, with emphasis on women and rural areas. Although I consider the proposed objective is interesting and useful, I understand that the delimitation of the review needs to be made more explicit: limit it to a specific period and space, as well as justify the decision made.

I think that the introduction lacks the ability to justify the objective and better structure the rest of the article.

In the abstract it is ambiguous when it says: "With the development of the economy and society, employment forms have shown a trend of diversification". What development you are thinking of? It is very broad to talk about the development of the economy and society. I think it is not quite precise in the context because it is not entirely clear what the delimitation is.

It is mentioned that governments introduce policies to protect the rights of informal workers. All governments? At the same periods or contexts? This is not to be addressed in the abstract, but I think that these questions can also guide the delimitation that you want to make.

The introduction specifies: This paper reviews the literature on informal employment and summarizes the definition, role, and impact of informal employment, governance, rural informal employment, and women's power in informal employment. It is not clear where the focus really is.

At the same time, when talking about the impact or effect of informal employment, the impact on what in particular do you want to analyze? Because the impact can be on very different things and if it is not made explicit and justified, it gives the impression that there are things that are left out.

It is mentioned that the objective is to contribute to the formulation of policies aimed at guaranteeing the solid development of the informal economy and its professionals. This is not specifically the objective of the article, it is something that can be expected to generate through the article, but the objectives of academic articles are linked to knowledge objectives. It is clear what is being reviewed, but it does not explain what the knowledge objectives are within that review. For example, it could be: understand how the issue of women's labor informality in rural areas of China has been academically addressed in the last 10 years.

Finally, in line with previous comments, I believe that we seek to respond to various topics simultaneously (definition, impacts, governance, rural spaces and female employment). This leads to the topics ending up being addressed superficially. It would seem more fruitful to focus on 1 or 2 of these topics and be able to conduct a review addressing

them in greater depth.