

Review of: "Global Governance and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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The first objective of the manuscript was achieved, namely to explore "the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global governance, highlighting significant weaknesses in both democratic and authoritarian regimes". It managed to demonstrate how the pandemic crisis has exacerbated social inequalities and exposed the limitations of the current capitalist development model, where fundamental individual rights have been relegated to the background. It revealed that the virus hit the most vulnerable countries hard and that, due to the extent of the crisis, authoritarian regimes reacted differently than democratic regimes".

However, it failed to address the second objective, that is, it failed to present what type of "change towards a sustainable development model that prioritizes social equity and environmental sustainability, addressing the ecological impact of current consumption patterns and the need for systemic change".

Therefore, I suggest that a chapter be included addressing what the characteristics of this new sustainable development model would be, including examples of countries that have been able to adopt a more ecological consumption pattern. It could, for example, address which countries, democratic or authoritarian, have been committed to meeting the environmental sustainability goals proposed by the UN.

For a better understanding of the text, I also suggest that paragraphs do not exceed 12 lines.

Furthermore, the article addresses issues relevant to debates on how the health crisis was able to modify rights and influence the daily lives of countries and citizens, and how countries took advantage of the spread of the virus to defend their policies, even though they violated fundamental rights.