

This is an interesting and quite unorthodox thesis which deals with the link between coca eradication strategy and its negative environmental impact, especially through the negative effects of glyphosate. The empirical domain set is the Plan Colombia. While the thesis is empirically oriented and systematic evidence is provided, it falls short of meeting the conceptual/theoretical expectations. Too, the research design of the thesis may be considered a liability of what would otherwise be an interesting, problem-driven and empirically laden thesis. The formatting criteria are being met in my opinion, the work would also benefit from a more stylistically coherent text. For the reasons specified above, I propose the grade "D", though a better mark may be a result of robust defence.