# **Comentários para Research Proposals 2023**

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| Comentário Geral |  |
| Student: Daniel Bonfil  Research proposal: A-  Participation: B-  Final grade: B  Comments: Your research proposal is clear and well structured, and has the potential of turning into a publishable paper. I also enjoyed reading the background information and recent literature on the matter. I am looking forward to reading subsequent versions. Below are my suggestions for improvement/clarification of the proposal:   * You need to be very clear that the fact that Mexico does not respond to commodities does not imply that it is not influenced by exogenuos factors, including US interest rates. This is not at all different from “traditional” exogenous shocks, and also not unique to Mexico; many Central American countries can be described the same way with respectto exposure to US economy. * I believe you can engage more directly with literature on remittances in Mexico, to highlight the contribution of your own proposal. What have we learned from Germano, Doyle et al, Cañas & Pranger, Meseguer  etc, and we we still do not know and will learn from this research? Again, remittances are not completely exogenous, flows at least partly depend on domestic policymaking (of not for anything else, because it determines the currency). If your focus is on investigating misattribution of responsibility for the economy, you need an indicator that is unquestionably exogenous, and this is your contribution. * Along these lines I’d not use remittances - focus on purely exogenous factors: Employment and Wages of Construction & Leisure and Hospitality   As for participation, you clearly have the potential to contribute more than you did in class. My expectation is that students come well read and well prepared each and every class (to impress the professors that will give you letters of recommendation for a long time!), bringing questions and points for discussion about each and every reading. I know there is a technological barrier in remote classes, but this participation is very important for the dynamic of graduate classes and for your own learning. | |

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