

Nsama Jonathan Simuziya – PhD. Studies and Dissertation Assessment

Nsama Simuziya has been an important part of the Department of Political Science Ph.D. study program since the start of his studies. He took part in the department's research activities, steadily worked through his compulsory courses and engaged in international scientific activities, like conferences and workshops. He proved his capacity to conduct valuable research, as it is attested by the number and quality of his publications, which are above the department's average in both aspects.

Mr. Simuziya's dissertation analyses in detail the issue of human rights in contemporary Africa, especially in relation to challenges in their implementation on the continent. Thus, in the dissertation we can find a lot of valuable information about some of the crucial challenges to improving the state of human rights in Africa, chiefly those related to cultural practices that either are permissive, or directly contribute to abuse of human rights. Thus, the dissertation contributes to the extensive debate about the role of cultural relativism in implementing universally valid human rights. Also, he focuses on certain topics that are not so much studied in relation to the general topic of the work, as for example the linguistic legacy of colonialism. Furthermore, apart from extensive use of secondary material, the dissertation utilizes original primary data that have been an outcome of author's field research in Africa.

Mr. Simuziya regularly consulted progress in writing his dissertation, and in general was able to follow my advice during the writing of the text. However, most of the valuable information that we can find in his dissertation is obviously of his own making. Despite certain shortcomings (as in case of any such large scientific output), the dissertation tackles important issue on an analytical level appropriate for the level of final PhD. research.

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