

Evaluation of master thesis titled Historical, Political and cultural Globalization from the perspective of Georgia written by Natho Sabashvili.

I would like to highlight at least some positive points of the thesis. I consider the research of former USSR countries through the lens of sociological categories like globalization, modernization, civilization as fruitful. I also can see, that the student read quite a lot and tried to collect relevant information and dates.

However, I consider as the main problem that the research topic/research question is not defined very well. That is why the thesis does not follow one particular direction and it is not really focused at all. That is why it is not very well structured into chapters and paragraphs. And as a consequence the reader tends to miss the main point.

I propose to connect modern and contemporary history of Georgia with the selected theories of globalization. How do the theories help us to understand modern and contemporary history of Georgia? It is not clear.

Last but not least, I am sceptical toward the understanding of globalization as westernization. Some scholars claim there are multiple globalizations as there are multiple modernities (see a volume edited by Samuel Huntington for example). More clear definition of what globalization is and how is it understood in the thesis would be welcomed.

I propose mark three if the defence is successful.

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