

BACHELOR'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT
PPE – Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	The Relationship Between White Guilt and Reparation: South Africa and the TRC
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Referee's name:	Hana Kubátová

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	50	45
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	15	15
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	15	15
Total		80	75
Minor Criteria			
	Sources, literature	10	10
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	5	5
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	5	5
Total		20	15
TOTAL		100	95

Plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score:

While the Turnitin match score shows 19% for the thesis, this mostly pertains to references and/or quotations.

Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

The thesis under evaluation here examines the dynamics of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), focusing on the interplay between white guilt and the pursuit of reconciliation in South Africa. Building on a large body of literature and working with extensive empirical data, the author investigates whether white guilt—both individually and collectively—influenced the TRC's operations and the quest for societal healing. Through a combination of quantitative analysis of transcripts from Amnesty Hearings and the TRC Final Report, along with more qualitative exploration, Jami Pick's thesis highlights the presence and implications of white guilt within this context.

The findings suggest several possibilities regarding the relationship between reconciliation and white guilt in South Africa. First, there was a lack of white guilt due to disagreements

about the moral reprehensibility of apartheid, which hindered reparation and reconciliation. Second, white guilt was present but masked by a refusal to accept responsibility and a projection of victim status onto the perpetrator group by white South Africans, obstructing meaningful change.

As I am convinced, this thesis does what a good undergraduate thesis ought to, expands on an ongoing debate about the TRC' achievements—but ultimately, also about its shortcomings.

Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): A

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.