

Nino Melkadze: Role of Dissidents in 1986-1991 Georgia

Thesis assessment

Nino Melkadze's thesis is historical and sociological in nature. Its content is oriented towards the question of how the dissident movement influenced the social processes, societal changes and struggle for independence which took place in Georgia between 1968 and 1991. The thesis has a theoretical-research character. The research section is based on the analysis of available historical sources and focuses on an examination of the strategies and practices that characterized Georgian dissidents in this period.

As far as my evaluation is concerned, it must be stated that I did not get to supervise the thesis written by Nino Melkadze until the last weeks before the author completed and submitted her work. Since the collaboration between the student and the previous supervising teacher was at an impasse during this time, I tried to motivate the author of the thesis to above all bring the work - in the time she had left - to some satisfactory conclusion. This was, in my view, largely successful.

Although during the writing of her thesis Nino Melkadze was unable to work on the text of her thesis in the libraries and archives in Georgia, she managed (in my opinion) to produce a text that satisfactorily covers her research intention. Despite the somewhat hectic completion of the text of this thesis, the author has managed to finalize a piece of work that adequately fulfils the qualifying parameters set for papers of this type. The thesis demonstrates, in a fairly representative manner, the knowledge and skills which the author has acquired during her studies on the Historical Sociology program.

Depending on how Nino Melkadze is able to present and defend her work, in my opinion it could be assessed as good or even very good.

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