



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Gendered Consequences of Internal Displacement: Examining Intimate Partner Violence

in Sub-Saharan Africa

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| Criteria              | Definition                                  | Maximum    | Points    |
|-----------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| <b>Major Criteria</b> |   |            |           |
|                       | Research question, definition of objectives | <b>10</b>  | 9         |
|                       | Theoretical / conceptual framework          | <b>30</b>  | 29        |
|                       | Methodology, analysis, argument             | <b>40</b>  | 40        |
| <i>Total</i>          |   | <b>80</b>  | <b>78</b> |
| <b>Minor Criteria</b> |   |            |           |
|                       | Sources                                     | <b>10</b>  | 10        |
|                       | Style                                       | <b>5</b>   | 5         |
|                       | Formal requirements                         | <b>5</b>   | 5         |
| <i>Total</i>          |   | <b>20</b>  | <b>20</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |   | <b>100</b> | <b>98</b> |



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

This is a high-quality dissertation. Not only (and maybe not even primarily) due to its expert and extensive use of statistical methods, which stand at the core of the analysis, but even more importantly in its ability to identify research niches as well as weak spots and explain them in a way that is nuanced, complex and supremely persuasive.

The author focuses on the relationship between internal displacement and intimate partner violence (IPV). For analytical purposes, the former represents an independent variable and the latter a dependant one (though, in a rare error of writing, the variable logic is flipped in the initial explanation on p. 9). An intricate set of statistical devises is then applied to sift through available data, test possible impact of control variables and (dis)confirm theoretical assumptions, formulated in the author's hypotheses.

The results of the statistical analysis are rather inconclusive, but it is here that the author's analytical acumen shines. When, for example, the country-level controls indicate that Tanzania defies the expectations of the hyper-masculinity hypothesis and IPV actually decreases with internal displacement in this country, the author is able to promptly identify a suitable sub-hypothesis revolving around the type of internal displacement (which is mostly due to natural disasters, not human-induced violence, in Tanzania) and provide an elegant explanation of the country as an statistical outlier. And this is just one example out of several such instances.

Keenly, almost painfully aware of the limits of available data, the author nevertheless constructs a vivid explanatory framework of a highly relevant (and, of course, deeply troubling) phenomenon. The result is not just an outstanding master's dissertation, but an excellent research paper, complete with an apt and inspirational set of impulses for possible future investigation.

### Minor criteria:

The text is written in a completely appropriate academic language, with only minor and ephemeral problems (such as German-influenced incorrect writing of



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“individual-level” or “societal-level” when these are not used as composite adjectives).

The author must be highly commended for a comprehensive use of tables and figures, summarizing her statistical findings throughout the text. Her use of sources, abundant and relevant, is exemplary. In fact, the initial literature review is one of the best parts of the thesis in its combination of economy and focus.

Overall evaluation:

An excellent thesis that addresses an important phenomenon through expert use of statistical methods, with an added high-value contextual assessment and conceptual summarization.

Suggested grade: **A**

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