

Review of Bachelor Thesis

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Title: The importance of women in mitigating the impacts of the environmental crisis; through the lens of ecofeminism

In general, it is very interesting to read a literature review type of bachelor thesis and the author gave a very good explanation why it is justified for the topic of the thesis. Some questions/issues are listed below.

Using the label woman as a generic term and claiming women have special relation with nature throughout the whole thesis is problematic. What about women who are climate-change deniers or lead political parties or movements that are destroying the planet?

What does IPCC stand for – the list of abbreviations is missing.

“2.1.1 Reasons why the resources were not used:” – which resources. Does one paragraph merit the whole subchapter?

This is pretty controversial, considering that the main culprits of environmental crisis are in the West, which at the same time is in deep demographic decline: “Deep ecology addresses many environmental issues, such as overpopulation. Some deep ecology thinkers propose population control as a way to lessen human impact on the environment promoting smaller families through education, access to family planning services, and empowering women (who tend to have fewer children with increased education and opportunity) (Worldwatch Institute, 2012).”

What are author’s arguments for this claim: “I chose to follow Novák’s (2017) division and description which focuses mainly on the context of Czechoslovakia but the development of the movement can be generalised.”?

There is really no need in an academic text to add that Plato is a Greek philosopher (also omitting ancient Greek reference) and Descartes is a French philosopher. First because this must be common knowledge in the academic environment and second because no other author is assigned nationality, which is a problematic concept on its own.

The author says she would not use the literature resources published before 2000 (why?) but then quotes numerous works that were published before 2000.

Almost all examples of how environmental degradation affects women are from the global South and they are relevant and important. I was wondering what are the environmental issues, the concrete examples, women from global North face except for being underrepresented in environmental movements and parties.

The thesis starts with philosophical foundations and relevant concepts but later on in a way ends up with a selection of empirical and case studies (again, only two examples from the North, an LA eco home and depopulated village in Sweden). Not clear based on what these cases (serving the purpose of proving that inclusion of women was necessary) were selected.

Overall, the thesis is quite inspiring and works with relevant and important concepts, philosophical values and tackles pressing issues.

I recommend the thesis for defense exam and propose grade 1.

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