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## **Evaluation form for PhD dissertation**

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Title of the thesis

Education of Muslim Girls During the Interwar Era and Socialist Transformation in Yugoslavia

Affiliation of the reviewer

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Report

This dissertation constitutes an interesting and original piece of research inasmuch as it aims to investigate the features of educational practices concerning Muslim girls and women in Yugoslavia from its formation to its dissolution. It starts by exploring the interaction between rising nationalism and religion in the newly unified Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes (later: Yugoslavia), during the interwar period, and its impact on educational reform. It also looks at the emergence of new Muslim elite, and their influence on the education of Muslim girls and women. The research was conducted in a rigorous and appropriate way, which is supported by different notions, tools and considerations borrowed from various disciplinary fields. The education policies are examined within the broader context of heated debates about the emancipation of Muslim women in general. The organisation of the dissertation is linear, coherent and cohesive. The investigation proposed by the author contributes to a better understanding of this type of context, and its cultural, historical and social connections with other domains. The thesis successfully employs both qualitative and quantitative analysis to substantiate its contentions and is supported by considerable research and documentation.

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