

POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Název práce: Transnational links, integration, and influence of Ethiopian diaspora on Ethiopian development

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1. Obsah práce

Cíle, výzkumné otázky, hypotézy (*přiměřenost cílů, geografický charakter a relevance cílů, teoretické podložení hypotéz aj.*)

The thesis addresses links between migration and development. As such, the theme is directly relevant for the study programme Global migration and development studies. The central topic is the influence of Ethiopian diaspora on the development of home country but other subtopics such as the integration of Ethiopian migrants abroad or their identity perception were also touched upon. This wider focus represented a challenge for the framing of the thesis in its introductory parts. The research was situated into the context of a turbulent socio-political transformation of Ethiopia for which the role of diaspora has been hotly debated. It is this specific geo-historical context what makes the thesis's focus special and timely.

Práce s literaturou (*teoretické ukotvení práce, diskuse a kritické zhodnocení literatury aj.*)

The author gathered together enough literature that was used to introduce the research topic. It applies to the literature on the role of diaspora for development and the description of Ethiopian context. Some of the subtopics that were subsequently addressed in the empirical part were, however, not covered in the introductory parts such as the integration of diaspora or identity perception. In addition, the discussion of literature could have been more critical.

An automatic plagiarism check indicated a possible 18% overlap. Although it may look like an unusually high figure, it is probably attributable to the fact that the thesis is in English and contains several direct quotations. I didn't notice any notable problems with regard to plagiarism practices.

In Section 3.1. entitled "International migration from Ethiopia and Ethiopian diaspora, the author provides some overview of the literature on international migration from Ethiopia. However, I missed the description of current Ethiopian diaspora based on the available secondary data. This could help to put some of the findings into the context (including the focal one in terms of the importance of diaspora's contribution to Ethiopian development).

Metodika práce (*vhodnost aplikovaných metod, kvalita a vhodnost použitých dat aj.*)

Although not completely smooth, the design and organization of web-survey, data processing and analysis were carried out without any cardinal problems. Data was analyzed by the methods of descriptive statistics and tests of binary statistical associations. Although not statistically representative, I think that the sample covers a potentially interesting group of respondents that would be difficult to assemble by other means. The subgroup of respondents who stayed abroad

were staying out of Ethiopia on average 13 years (only 5 of them were students staying abroad for 3 years on average) so they can provide valuable information about their experiences.

The initial plan was to supplement the quantitative analysis by a few qualitative interviews with informants selected purposively based on findings from the questionnaire survey. In this way, some deeper insights into the most interesting findings identified in the questionnaire survey could have been obtained. However, this plan eventually appeared to be too ambitious and didn't materialize due to the lack of capacity.

Analytická část práce (*správnost a interpretace výsledků, detailnost, struktura a provázanost analýzy*)

From my point of view, the interpretation of results was the most difficult and problematic step. It suffered from a strong tendency towards descriptive presentation of findings with difficulties to distinguish more interesting findings from less interesting ones and to engage in their critical discussion.

Závěry práce (*odpovědi na výzkumné otázky, zasazení závěrů do širšího kontextu výzkumu aj.*)

Despite numerous problems, I think that the thesis brought about some interesting findings. The concluding discussion (Section 6) summarizes the findings. The author made only a little effort to confront these findings with literature and link them to the introductory "theoretical" parts.

2. Formální náležitosti práce (*zatrhněte Vaši volbu*)

Formální úprava: výborná / velmi dobrá / dobrá / nevyhovující

Stylistická úroveň: výborná / velmi dobrá / dobrá / nevyhovující

Citační úroveň: výborná / velmi dobrá / dobrá / nevyhovující

Komentář (*vč. kvality grafiky, (ne)přiměřenosti délky práce aj.*)

I think that the usual formal requirements have been met. The English is readable, though not perfect. The style of writing and presentation of results is not particularly appealing for readers.

3. Souhrn

Celkové zhodnocení práce (*vč. přístupu studenta, přínosů práce, provázanosti teoretické a analytické části aj.*)

The work on this thesis was a tough and lengthy exercise for both the author and supervisor. Previous bachelor education of the author that was obtained in Ethiopia in the field of pedagogy, didn't provide her with the best skills for writing this thesis. In spite of this, Hirut proved to be hardworking and, amid many rounds of text revisions, she always patiently followed instructions in efforts to develop her diploma thesis into an acceptable form. I do hope and believe that this point has eventually been reached.

Předloženou práci **doporučuji / nedoporučuji** k obhajobě. (zatrhněte Vaši volbu)

Otázky k obhajobě

The survey was conducted already at the end of 2018. Do you think that the opinions of respondents on the Ethiopian transformation have changed since then?

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