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Evaluation form for PhD dissertation

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Title of the thesis

"Let the Past Teach You": An Ecocritical Analysis of Medievalism in Selected Works of Twentieth-Century United States Science Fiction

Affiliation of the reviewer

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Report

A very well researched, organized and argued dissertation, definitely a significant contribution to the field. Occasionally the ideological orientation blurs some aspects of the analysed text (see for example the section about the novel by Le Guin, where the actual biological otherness of the inhabitants is not sufficiently taken into account). This is, however, not a suggestion to review the thesis, but merely an observation.

Confidential report (it will not be shown to the candidate)

None

Evaluation file (optional)

Presentation and clarity

[ ] None   [ ] Poor   [ ] Average   [ ] Good   [X] Excellent

The reviewer should be able to read the text without difficulty. This implies that the dissertation is clear and 'user friendly', without duplications or repetitions.

Integration and coherence

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The manuscript should present logical and rational links between different parts of the thesis.

Introduction to scientific background

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Review of relevant literature

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The candidate must have a detailed knowledge of original sources, have a thorough knowledge of the field, and understand the main theoretical and methodological issues.

Statement of research problem

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A clear statement of the research problem should be made, together with specific hypotheses, predictions, or questions which the research is designed to address.

Originality

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The research must be the candidate's own work. The degree of independence may vary according to the research topic.

Contribution to knowledge and scientific relevance

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The dissertation should be substantial enough to be able to form the basis of two articles on refereed journal, a book or research monograph.

Mastery of the English language

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The candidate must be proficient in written English and show mastery of appropriate scientific/technical language.

The thesis can be considered for a 'cum laude' award

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1) adequate as is

2) require minor revision

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