

Review of
Haftamu Kiros Tekare's dissertation on the topic of
"The Comparative Analysis of Framing of Human Trafficking in
Contemporary Print Media"

This doctoral candidate conducted a fundamental research study, analyzing the topic of human trafficking in the media of Ethiopia and Kazakhstan.

This topic is relevant today, as human trafficking is a socioeconomic and political problem. The results of this study contribute to the study of human trafficking, an understudied topic in Ethiopia and Kazakhstan.

The doctoral candidate clearly outlined the purpose and objectives of the study, which are gradually revealed throughout the dissertation.

The purpose of the dissertation: This study examined how the Astana Times, a Kazakhstani media outlet, and the Ethiopian Herald, a state-owned media outlet in Ethiopia, framed stories about human trafficking over a 60-month period (September 2020 – September 2025). Thesis submitted for defense performed the following tasks:

- Identifying an effective format for media coverage of this topic.
- Analyzing of information sources used in the newspapers coverage of human trafficking.
- Classifying of formats used in covering the topic of human trafficking.
- Analyzing of the media's role in covering the topic of human trafficking.

The dissertation author utilized a broad source base, and analyzing the works of international scholars.

The research focused on news stories, articles, editorial materials, commentaries, and interviews devoted to human trafficking stories published in two newspapers, the Astana Times and the Ethiopian Herald, during the study period. In-depth interviews were conducted with six reporters and two editors of the Ethiopian Herald, who wrote and edited most of the analyzed materials.

The practical results of this study will help the media organizations to improve their coverage and policy measures to combat human trafficking and related issues. Furthermore, the research findings will serve as an evidence and an important source of information for policymakers, elites, human rights groups, and key stakeholders, highlighting how the issue of human trafficking is covered and

The dissertation candidate has published article in Scopus journal, in journals included in the KKSON database, and in conference proceedings.

Therefore, I recommend the dissertation work of Haftamu Kiros Tekare on the topic “The Comparative Analysis of Framing of Human Trafficking in Contemporary Print Media”, submitted for defense for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the educational program “8D03201” Journalism.

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