

# DISSERTATION TITLE EXAMPLE

SUBJECT: LAW



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“WHEREVER WE LIFT ONE SOUL FROM A LIFE OF POVERTY, WE ARE DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS. AND WHENEVER WE FAIL IN THIS MISSION, WE ARE FAILING HUMAN RIGHTS.” KOFI ANNAN UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL.<sup>1</sup> AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFICACY OF PROVISIONS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ERADICATE POVERTY.

## 1. Rationale

Poverty has been deemed by the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) as the ‘social phenomenon’ which affects access to a wide range of human rights.<sup>2</sup> It is therefore, of significance, highly complex and justifiable as a subject to tackle at dissertation level.

## 2. Structure

- **Introduction:** An introduction would outline a definition of poverty and briefly put it into context within the international legal system. The introduction would also make clear that the eradication of poverty is associated with a wide range of human rights and that the dissertation selects those which are argued to be the most relevant and analyses the efficacy of the provisions associated with these. The dissertation structure would also be outlined.
- **Hypothesis:** Listing aims and a rationale.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, ‘Human rights dimension of poverty’ <<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/DimensionOfPoverty/Pages/Index.aspx>> accessed 26 February 2020.

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- **Chapters:** The dissertation would be divided into chapters which would each identify a human right argued as those most associated with poverty such as, for example, the right to health, the right to education and the right to a fair trial.<sup>3</sup>
- **Analysis:** A chapter would follow examining and analysing the work of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.<sup>4</sup>
- **Conclusion:** concerning the efficacy of provisions and any recommendations.

### 3. Methodology

The proposed methodology would be a doctrinal one where the international legal system would be analysed in terms of, for example, binding law, soft law and judicial decisions as well as further mechanisms of the United Nations such as enforcement ones.

### 4. Limitations

The limitations of this title are argued that it could potentially encompass too much and therefore, it is necessary at the outset to make informed decisions concerning which rights to cover and to justify these.

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