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Over onderwerp van het proefschrift

1. Even if Captain Lugard had not brought them to Uganda, the Nubis would still exist; they would have become a 'new tribe' in southern Sudan.
2. A communal title deed for the Nubian Village in Kibera will destroy the unity of the Nubi community.
3. If Kibera's real population is much less than was generally thought/estimated, then possibly all slum populations are overestimated; Kibera will still be the largest slum in sub-Saharan Africa.
4. 'Political tribalism' pays well in Kenya and will continue in the foreseeable future.

Over het vakgebied van het onderwerp

5. No matter the amount of money spent on slum-upgrading programmes, there will always be slums.
6. The study of history may be interesting and fun, but is ultimately pointless, since we (humans) don't learn from past mistakes.
7. 'Institutional memory' does not exist.
8. It is better for a country if a government's ministers are not chosen from among the Members of Parliament, like is for example the case in Kenya and the UK, but from the general public.

Andere

1. The hotter the country, the colder they drink their wine.
2. E-tickets were (partly) introduced to save the environment by wasting less paper; however, as many people print their complete e-ticket, probably wasting more paper than before.