

# Review of: "School instability in South Africa: a Systematic Review of Reflections and Experiences for a way forward"

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**Suggested topic:** School instability in South Africa: A review of reflections on the behaviour (conduct??) of students in the quest to build an all-inclusive and democratic educational system .

This is a well written article. For its improvement, I would suggest that the author should stick to the format of writing an article if this is not a book chapter. The format is as follows:

Abstract, Introduction, problem statement, objectives, research questions and significance of the article. This should be followed by the literature review whose sub-sections should be interwoven to show continuity. The last part of the literature review should be the theoretical framework. This is where Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory can be migrated to ( and other theories the author mentioned). Ofcourse after the literature review should follow the research design and/or methodology even if an archival approach or the desktop approach to collecting the data was adhered to. The themes emerging will be the ones that guide the discussion as to how violence can be tackled in institutions of learning. The author may benefit greatly by also using new references in order to make the study more current. I agree that some of the references selected are ground breaking or classic such that they merited usage in the article. But mixing these with references not more than five years will be an added advantage to the article. But if this is a chapter of a book, then I leave the discretion to the editors as to whether the approach is suited for the book ( or the journal?) or not.

Regards