

To whom it may concern:

Re: Stefan Reindl

I have known Stefan since the autumn of 2020 when he joined the international doctoral programme in the Institute of International and Comparative Education. Between that time and the present, when Stefan has successfully completed the programme and graduated, I taught him on four courses, two of them core elements of the programme. I also saw him develop his assignments into conference presentations and publications. Overall, Stefan showed extraordinary energy and commitment, not merely to meeting the requirements of the programme, but to learning as much as possible by going above and beyond those requirements in both quantity and quality. He has shown himself to be, by any standards, an excellent student and scholar.

During the years when Stefan was taking the taught element of the programme, many of the classes, and all the classes I taught, took place on line. It was sometimes difficult to create the sense of engagement that comes from being in a classroom together. But Stefan's contribution to the class was always positive, not only asking questions, contributing to discussion and offering ideas, but encouraging others to participate as well. He took every opportunity to collaborate with his peers, and a number of his conference presentations and publications were co-authored with other students.

Few, if any, students have done more to prepare themselves for a career in education, developing his skills in research and teaching. He demonstrates clarity of thought, directness of expression, and a supportive and nurturing approach. His affable and good-humoured attitude means that he carries his scholarship lightly, and he can connect with the interests of students who are having more difficulty than he is.

I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Stefan for a post in teaching, research, or an administrative post of confidence. I am sure that he will discharge his duties with appropriate dedication and thoughtfulness.



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