

Jacque & Teresa PhD defenses at University of Bordeaux, France



Madam Jacqueline Walubwa and Madam Teresa Mbatia successfully defended their PhD theses (yes, with Honours) at the University of Bordeaux Montaigne, France on 13th and 14th December 2016, respectively. The two members of staff at the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies were supervised by Prof. Bernard Calas of the University of Bordeaux (as Director) and Dr. Samuel Owuor of the University of Nairobi (as Co-Director). The Jury of the two PhD defenses comprised Prof. Christian Thibon (Universite Pau Pays, France), Prof. Elias Ayiamba (University of Nairobi, Kenya), Prof. Bernard Charlery (University of Toulouse, France), Dr. Jean Fabien Steck (University of Paris Nanterre, France), Prof. Bernard Calas and Dr. Samuel Owuor. The Presidents of the Jury were Prof Ayiamba (for Jaqueline) and Prof. Thibon (for Teresa). Jacqueline's thesis was on *"Recognition of informal norms in creating resilient water management structures: The case of Soweto East, Nairobi"*, while Teresa's thesis was on *"Social-political analysis of urban green spaces in Nairobi: A critical inquiry into outcomes of non-state actors interventions in the management and conservation of urban protected areas"*.