



Review of Master's Thesis – Opponent

Title: **Migration Flows in the Wake of the 2004 EU Enlargement: A Case Study of the UK and Poland**

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	Criteria	Classification level
1.	Achievement of the aims of the thesis	1
2.	Logical structure of the thesis	1
3.	Work with literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of used methods	1
5.	Depth of analysis with regard to the topic	2
6.	Individual approach to writing	1
7.	Formal arrangement of the thesis	1
8.	Language and stylistic arrangement of the thesis	1

Comments on and questions to the thesis:

The paper presents a well-designed and well-informed analysis of the topic. It proves that the author is able to read and understand theory, explain it to a public, and – what is most noticeable – apply it to real situations or data. However, virtually only two of the presented theoretical models are “tested” (both Neoclassical Economic Theories), while the other are used only for alternative explanations/interpretations of the researched phenomenon. The reasons seem to be obvious – firstly, they are “softer”, rather qualitative models which are harder to evaluate and, secondly, it would substantially lengthen the text – however, the author should have at least noticed the fact. In addition, the author does not explicitly explain the chosen methods of analysis and the types of sources/data used for it. Finally, with regard to the author’s field of study, the text pays little attention to the political aspects/repercussions of the problematique (the analysis is primarily economic). In all other criteria, the paper is outstanding. / Questions/tasks for defence: 1) Shortly analyze the political reasons of (not) opening the “old” member countries’ labour markets after the accession of EU-10. 2) Discuss the implications of the current crisis on labour migration patterns within the EU.

Conclusion: I **recommend** the thesis for defence.

Suggested classification: **1**

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