

# Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International and Diplomatic Studies**

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Master Thesis Topic: **INGOs and the concept of good governance: the case of Amnesty International**

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	Criterion	Mark (1–4)
1.	Overall objective achievement	<b>3</b>
2.	Logical structure	<b>3</b>
3.	Using of literature, citations	<b>2</b>
4.	Adequacy of methods used	<b>3</b>
5.	Depth of analysis	<b>3</b>
6.	Self-reliance of author	<b>2</b>
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	<b>3</b>
8.	Language and stylistics	<b>2</b>

## Comments and Questions:

The role and character of INGOs in current world represent important and interesting topic for the research. Deeper analysis of one of INGO can bring better understanding of the phenomenon, can open new research questions, can verify some hypothesis. Deciding for such analysis it is important to specify research question and/or hypothesis, to anchor it in some theoretical framework and choose methodology. The main problem of presented thesis is the fact that the author was not able to make these three points compatible. The title "INGOS and the Concept of Good Governance: the case of Amnesty International" provokes the expectation that the basic theoretical framework would be connected with good governance and the analysis would be based on the criteria whether principles of good governance are applied in AI and whether they are part of AI activities in particular countries. This did not happen; author describes different theoretical approaches dealing with the concept of public sphere (Habermas), transnational civil society – advocacy criterion (Davies), civil society and INGO classification (Willetts) 2002, but there is no real attention paid to the concepts of good governance, accountability etc. More, methodological approach did not reflect the format of "case studies". Questions: Can you explain the concept of good governance? Are there activities of AI to strengthen the principles of "good governance" in particular countries?

**Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.**

Suggested Grade: **3**

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