

Assessment of Bachelor Thesis – Opponent



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Trade**

Academic year: **2014/2015**

Bachelor Thesis Topic: **The Economic, Social and Cultural Development between the State of Israel and the Czech Republic**

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Opponent: **Ing. Ilya Bolotov, MBA, Ph.D.**

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

Comments and Questions:

The bachelor thesis of Mr. Tsybyktarov is dedicated to different aspects of Czech-Israeli and Israeli-Czech relations. The author describes historical ties between the two nations, trade between the Czech Republic and Israel, foreign direct investment and organizations promoting mutual cooperation. The structure of the thesis is logical and well-balanced. Nevertheless, economic relations, especially foreign trade, might have been described in more detail, and the list of sources is abnormally short for a bachelor thesis. As the reviewer, I recommend this thesis for defence for the final grade B (2 in the Czech grading system). The author may however improve the result if he shows exceptional performance at the defence of his thesis.

Questions for the defence: 1) Is the Czech Republic able to attract more Israeli capital into innovation-based industries? If yes, what should be done to make the investment happen? 2) Does the current political turmoil in the Middle East affect Czech-Israeli trade? If yes, to what degree?

Conclusion: The Bachelor Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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