

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business - Central European Business Realities**

Academic year: **2014/2015**

Master Thesis Topic: **Position of Kazakhstan in International Trade and Business**

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

Comments and Questions:

The MT meets the basic requirements, it has a logical structure and the author worked through individual parts of the MT to the identified goals achievement. The analysis is from the major part, however, based on secondary sources and on compilation of them. The author's involvement is very limited – it is the main negative feature of the MT. Even if the content of the individual chapters is clear and follows a logical development of the MT, the introduction is misleading, as statement made in it are not explained and confirmed by the analysis itself. Depending on the performance of the author at the defence, the grade could be 2 – 3. Questions: 1. Impact of the WTO accession process on economic reforms of Kazakhstan? 2. What is the basis for the trade relations EU – Kazakhstan – what type of customs duties are applied for importation to Kazakhstan from EU and for importation to EU from Kazakhstan?

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **3**

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