

### *Master's Thesis Evaluation by the Opponent*

**Title of the Master's Thesis:**

Analysis of the Economic Importance of the Maritime Transport Industry in Guatemala

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EVALUATION OF THE MASTER'S THESIS	
Criteria (each max 10 points)	Points awarded
1. The goals of the thesis are evident and accomplished	7
2. Demands on the acquisition of additional knowledge or skills	8
3. Adequacy and the way of the methods used	7
4. Depth and relevance of the analysis in relation to goals	8
5. Making use of literature/other resources, citing	9
6. The thesis is a well-organised logical whole	8
7. Linguistic and terminological level	8
8. Formal layout and requirements, extent	9
9. Originality, i.e. it is produced by the student	7
10. Practical/theoretical relevance/applicability	7
<b>Total score in points (max 100)</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Final grading</b>	<b>velmi dobře (2)</b>

**Overall evaluation (cca 200 words):**

Very good thesis with original and up-to-date topic. Literature research is excellent. Work format is well organized. However, research objective "Analyze the stage of development of the maritime industry in Guatemala comparing it with neighboring countries" is slightly understated in the text and is not summarized in the conclusion. Four different objectives were set at the beginning which I find quite challenging given the scope of diploma thesis. I'd recommend to set one goal with clear methodology in the introduction, analyse problem with deeper perspective, link conclusion with set goal in the introduction. This would lead into better homogeneity of work and would be easier to follow for the reader.

**Question/s from the opponent:**

How productive are ports in neighboring countries? Could change in macroeconomic conditions of these countries affect Guatemalan ports' performance?

**The name of the opponent:**

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**The employer of the opponent:**

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*I honestly declare that I am not in any allied relationship with the author of this Master's Thesis.*

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Signature of the opponent