

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

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

Academic year: **2014/2015**

Master Thesis Topic: **Religious Pluralism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Political Implications**

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Opponent: **Ing. Jan Kochan**

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

Comments and Questions:

Theme of MT, Religious Pluralism in Sub-Saharan Africa, is rather demanding and complex, but author made it very well. In her MT author proved ability to formulate theoretical questions, goals of research and hypothesis independently and to apply theoretical concepts in specific analysis. Text has logical structure, explication of problems is systematic and reasoning of problems and conclusions is factual. I appreciate the academic level of analysis in particular. Case study of Nigeria as the focal point of the thesis results from detailed analyses both theoretical and historical ones (chapters 1 and 2). Analyses elaborated in all chapters are based on study of scientific articles written by both Western and African authors. On the other hand only several monographs are used though there is extensive literature within the frame of African studies. But in general, author proved the ability to work with scientific literature and use it in elaboration of specific theme. Topics for discussion: 1) Summarize the main theoretical concepts dealing with ethnicity and ethnic identity. 2) Explain the relationship between religion and politics in Nigeria.

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **1**

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