

# Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

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

Academic year: **2015/2016**

Master Thesis Topic: **An Undefined Race: The Growth Debate between China and India**

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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>3</b>
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	<b>2</b>
8.	Language and stylistics	<b>2</b>

## Comments and Questions:

The topic chosen by author seems to be both interesting as well as actual. The economic growth of developing or less developed countries can never be neglected. It can give rise to higher quality of life in both countries. China seems to be more successful in this respect. Author believes that this trend should continue even in the future. The objective of her thesis is to prove this hypothesis. The problem one could have with this thesis is that it is only focused on history of both countries. However, economic growth primarily is an economic issue. It is not possible to discuss economic growth without knowing and applying any theory of growth. Hence, the growth debate cannot be only based on history of both countries. I can understand and agree that history can influence the future, however, it definitely is not the only determinant of it. The future depends on other factors than history otherwise we couldn't influence it.

Next problem is that the history used in this thesis actually is interesting but well-known. Thus the value added seems to be relatively low.

There are some formal problems. The most important one is that there is no methodology mentioned in the introduction. Actually, it is wrong methodology which is the main problem of the thesis.

Nevertheless, taking the author's field of study (International and Diplomatic Studies) where the history plays an important role into account I believe I could recommend it for defense.

Questions:

1. What are key determinants of economic growth?
2. Explain actual problems of Chinese economy. How could they change your conclusions?

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

Suggested Grade: **3**

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