

Assessment of Bachelor Thesis – Opponent



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**
Field of study: **International Business**
Academic year: **2015/2016**
Bachelor Thesis Topic: **Oil and Gas Industry in Russia**
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	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	2
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	3
8.	Language and stylistics	2

Comments and Questions:

The bachelor theses produces a somewhat controversial impression. On one hand, the author chose a topical issue, presented it in a logical way and showed in-depth knowledge of the problem using good sources. I especially appreciate the description of the Russian gas and oil fields and companies, as well as interesting international comparisons. On the other hand, not all topical information was reflected – for example, Russia has been increasing the share of processed oil in her exports for some time, as well as the Russian agricultural sector seems to be recovering from the WTO accession under Russian counter-sanctions, and Russia is believed to become No. 1 grain exporter in the world in 2016 – and the formal side of the thesis requires significant improvement. A clear goal of the paper in the introduction section would be appreciated as well. Hence, I suggest "very good" (2) as the grade with a chance for improvement at the defence.

Questions for the defence:

1. What are the prospects of the Russian import substitution programs? Will they help diminish the negative aspects of the Russian Dutch disease?
2. When will the oil price rebound to the pre-2014 level in the opinion of the author?

Conclusion: The Bachelor Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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