



Posudek oponenta diplomové práce

Název práce: **Financing of Political Parties in Germany – the Case of Political Foundations**

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Konkrétní připomínky a dotazy k práci:

The topic of the theses is timely, relevant and well-chosen. The logic of the text is clear, structured and goes from general description into more specific examples and observations. The whole text is well-organized and easy to read. I recommend this master theses to be defended. However there are at least 3 elements of the work that I find problematic or unsatisfactory.

1. research questions are clear but very general and author does not necessarily answers them in the end. We learn lot of basic information on German political systém and foundations, we lack more in-depth analysis or independent/suprising opinion

2. theoretical part on political party theories is actually just copy/paste with citations exercise. There are almost 15 pages citing works of Duverger and Hopkin, but without any added value. It's hard to invest the wheel in theoretical chapter, but critical ideas and comments are always welcome in social science academia..

3. There is lot of criticism on role of foundations with some publicized examples (lack of accountability, little public disclosure, elitism), but very little has been done to design alternatives, or even give more thoughts to design them. The whole work touches the surface, rarely goes deeper and is little thought-provoking. Perhpas quick deadline of submission is reason behind that.

Questions for the defence: Do foundations really serve hidden funding of political campaigns, are there signs or evidences of that. Can established system of political foundations be challenged by new groupings that fight against „cartel“ of old dogs, if so in what way? How would you reform political finance system and political foundations if you had power to do so?

Závěr: Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

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