

Assessment of Master Thesis – Opponent



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Trade**

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Master Thesis Topic: **The role of technological change in income inequality in the United States**

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	Criterion	Mark (1–4)
1.	Overall objective achievement	1
2.	Logical structure	1
3.	Using of literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of methods used	1
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:

An excellent thesis! There is no doubt about growing inequality especially in U.S. and its negative consequences on society as a whole. I do appreciate both theoretical as well as practical part. The analysis is deep enough based on theory, data, and relevant sources like Piketty, Acemoglu, Stiglitz, Krugman and many others. Thus, I have no remarks to analysis itself. I really enjoyed it.

Actually, the problem is what to do about it? How this development could be reversed. There is big dispute between so-called neo-marxists like Piketty (and Stiglitz and Krugman) on one side and libertarians like Murphy (and other Chicago boys).

Again, the thesis itself is excellent, much better than most theses I reviewed. The only thing I missed there was some suggestion by author how to approach this crucial problem.

Questions:

1. What solution of growing inequality has been suggested by Piketty and what do you think about it?
2. What is the role of migration in this process? Explain using example of U.S.

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **1**

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