

Assessment of Master Thesis – Opponent



Study programme: **Economics of Globalisation and European Integration**

Field of study:

Academic year: **2014/2015**

Master Thesis Topic: **Military Expenditure in European/NATO Countries**

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

Comments and Questions:

Good dissertation, focused on highly topical issues, as we can see in the development of the international relations. In this thesis Mr. Rožmberský investigates the military expenditure in European/NATO countries from 1989 to 2013. Dissertation has clearly characterized goals and given research hypotheses. Interesting discussion on growing military expenditure in period of "reverberation of the Cold War" and in period of "reaction to a threat of terrorism". The research is based on trends of development of military expenditure, small comparison with economic fluctuations and on cross national comparisons. In the following some shortcomings on which the thesis could be improved are outlined:

- It is necessary to explain why hypotheses II and III were given (downward trend of military expenditure in absolute value and as a % share of GDP)
- Hypothesis IV need to be changed; the formulation was general, wide and didn't give exact information for testing.

I missed the consideration of the importance of defense spending for technological development. Military industry was always the bearer of the latest technologies, which were subsequently forced out for use in other industrial sectors.

Overall, the student fulfils the thesis requirements.

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **1**

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