

Review of Master's Thesis – Opponent

Title: Normative Power in the European Neighbourhood Policy

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	Criteria	Classification level
1.	Achievement of the aims of the thesis	1
2.	Logical structure of the thesis	1
3.	Work with literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of used methods	1
5.	Depth of analysis with regard to the topic	1
6.	Individual approach to writing	1
7.	Formal arrangement of the thesis	2
8.	Language and stylistic arrangement of the thesis	1

Comments on and questions to the thesis:

In her thesis "Normative Power in the European Neighbourhood" Ms Adamčíková, focuses on the normative aspect and role of the European Union through the scope of the ENP. The main goal of the work is to propose an evaluation of what has been done and to seize the last developments of this policy and its evolutions. The author proposes a realistic approach to tackle such issue, dividing her work in three well balanced parts; a Theoretical background and foundation of normative power in EU's FP, a Path towards the ENP until the year 2004 from the NPP and the ENP and Developments since 2004 from the NPP. The demonstration is well mastered, in line with what has been announced by the author, respecting the different stages and hypotheses.

Moreover, Ms Adamčíková gives a particular fine analysis of the different concepts she uses, integrating them well in her demonstration. From that angle, she shows a real understanding of her topic and gives some precise, never too broad, arguments and examples. The style is concise, and the work is pleasantly written. This thesis is without doubt an excellent work. However, from a formal angle, the bibliography should have been better structured, and divided.. My two questions are: 1/ Why do you think that the new approach, as stated in your conclusion, after the Arab Spring, "would make effective foreign policy in promoting the normative agenda in the closest neighbourliness" ? Could you develop this point? 2/ Which instruments could be accurate in the case economic cooperation could lead to a better respect for human rights, as underlined in your work? Could you give some examples?

Conclusion: I recommend the thesis for defence.

Suggested classification: 1

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Opponent's signature

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