

# Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business - Central European Business Realities**

Academic year: **2016/2017**

Master Thesis Topic: **Political and Economic Consequences of the European Migration Crisis for Germany**

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Opponent: **Ing. Aleš Lisa, Ph.D.**

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

## Comments and Questions:

The author of the topic chooses up-to-date topic that has – maybe indirectly, but even more urgently – consequences for countries, economies and international business. The topic is broad indeed and is not easy to depict it. The author's goal is rather implicitly defined in three research questions he wants to answer to. In my opinion the content, structure and author's argumentation in the diploma thesis offers sufficient way for the answer. The more general goal is both the political and economic impact of migration crisis for Germany, as it is states in the name of the theses.

The main method used is description and analysis of data.

For that purpose, author structured the text in five chapters. The introduction – among all requirements, offers also the basic definitions and differences between important terms – migrant and refugee – that is not precisely used both by media, politicians and citizens. First chapter deals with basic theories on migration in economic literature mostly. Second chapter makes a brief introduction to the reasons of the crisis, typology of migrants coming to Europe and the European asylum policy. Third chapter highlight the political consequences, the fourth the economic consequences of migration crisis for the Germany. Author concludes with the summary of key recommendations and policy tools in terms of migration in Germany.

The content of the thesis is logical, and author uses various sources to document the problems. On the other hand, there are two problems I think to be developed more. First, there are more theories on migration and it is not argued why author used those listed. I am missing little bit more comprehensive overview also in the political science theories on migration due to the fact of the name of the thesis. Second critical note deals with the policy recommendations and policy tool proposed and used. In my opinion, this is only a result of the debates and changes made, not all recommendations that were discussed as a result of the coverage of migration crisis. A deeper analysis in this way would be definitely appreciated.

From the linguistic and grammar point of view the thesis is at a good level. Sometimes in the text appear complicated sentences. Author uses citation and all relevant documents are cited and included to the references. Formal point of the thesis is acceptable however some charts and graphs are less readers-friendly.

In the sum, I recommend the thesis for defend and I grade it as VERY GOOD.

QUESTIONS FOR THE DEFEND: 1) Are there any other policy recommendations that were not accepted and/or still discussed? 2) In the political point of view, are there any other reasons for the rise of populist

political parties? Is the migration the only one topic for them? 3) If you have to choose 3 pros and 3 cons of the migration crisis for Germany only in economic terms, what would them be?

**Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.**

Suggested Grade:     **2**

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