

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International and Diplomatic Studies**

Academic year: **2016/2017**

Master Thesis Topic: **European integration through sceptical prism in the European Parliament**

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

Comments and Questions:

This MT focuses on a very "hot" topic of Euroscepticism. The author seeks to "discover [Eurosceptic trends which have appeared in the European Parliament] and to define the stages of the evolution of policy in different Eurosceptic parties". In order to achieve this goal, Irina tests two hypotheses (see pp. 14-15); while the first hypothesis is quite trivial (and descriptive), the second one deserves more attention since it can bring important information about the behavior of the Eurosceptics within the EP.

Among positive aspects of the writing belong author's good orientation in the literature and good overall structure of the paper. Moreover, Irina Kruhmalova collected and analyzed original data on parliamentary activity which is an important added value of the MT.

Regarding shortcomings of the submitted theses, certain lack of linkages between the theoretical framework and the empirical analysis is visible. Deeper theoretical explanation of the hypotheses would be also welcome.

As a whole I consider the master thesis as very good and I recommend it for defense.

Following questions can be used within defense debate:

1. You claim that European integration is a new cleavage; in which aspects it is different from original Rokkan's cleavage of center-periphery?
2. French presidential election showed that the actual European conflict goes between "globalists" and "nationalists". What is your opinion on the most appropriate strategy to meet people's demands and needs?

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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