

Master's thesis evaluation by the supervisor

Title of the Master's thesis:

International agile teams in digital and virtual environment

Author of the Master's thesis:

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Objectives of the Master's thesis:

Study should provide overview of current methodology, tool and behaviour that is commonly used in Aviation division of General Electric (GE). As one of world largest organisations GE faces a lot of challenges in managing international teams using remote tools and is constantly required to improve in this specific field of organisational behaviour.

EVALUATION OF THE MASTER'S THESIS	
Criteria (max. 10 points per category)	Points awarded
1. The objectives of the thesis are evident and accomplished	9
2. Demands on the acquisition of additional knowledge or skills	9
3. Adequacy and the way of the methods used	9
4. Depth and relevance of the analysis in relation to objectives	8
5. Making use of literature/other resources, citing	10
6. The thesis is a well-organised logical whole	9
7. Linguistic and terminological level	8
8. Formal layout and requirements, extent	10
9. Originality, i.e. it is produced by the student	10
10. Practical/theoretical relevance/applicability	8
Total score in points (max 100)	90
Final grading	Excellent (1)

Overall evaluation and questions to be answered in the course of the defense:

The research problem and subsequent research questions are clearly defined at the onset. The author clearly identifies the current limitations of the study as well as the areas that would require future research. It is unfortunate that additional input from the US-based team was not fully explored that could have served as a benchmark. From a cross-cultural perspective, the concern is the recommended closeness to the American model that in turn, may create other problematic areas yet to be discovered. The nature of the "agile" warranted further discussion. However, given the current scope, the effort is commendable. A future study should equally be conducted in another multinational enterprise in the Czech Republic that deploys virtual teams to measure the uniqueness or commonalities of the current work. Suggested defense questions should comprise: (1) If the study would be conducted again, what changes would be made and why? (2) If further research was conducted with an active involvement from the US-based team, what would be the hypotheses?

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