

Assessment of Bachelor Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business**

Academic year: **2017/2018**

Bachelor Thesis Topic: **Post-Soviet space in the context of Mutual Economic Relations**

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Opponent: **doc. Ing. Ludmila Štěrbová, CSc.**

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

Comments and Questions:

The topic of the bachelor thesis are the mutual economic relations between countries of the Post-Soviet space (and the three Baltic states) in the 21st century. The goal of the author's research is to analyze the dependency of 14 countries, which gained their independence on the USSR, on the Russian Federation, as the "center of economic gravity in the region". The work is structured as follows: membership of the Baltic and Post-Soviet states in international organizations, analysis of trade profiles, and the analysis of migration and international remittances. The strengths of the thesis include an ambitious goal and detailed investigation of the problem. The main weakness is the oversized length of the work (70 pages against the required 30–40 pages with only conclusion making 5 pages). In my opinion, some parts of the thesis are too descriptive and overdetailed. Despite this, the author was very active during his work on the thesis, and I suggest **very good** as the final grade.

Questions for the defense of the final thesis:

1. In the opinion of the author, can any re-integration attempt in the Post-Soviet space succeed in the long run? Why? Why not?
2. Is it at all possible for the Post-Soviet countries to economically emancipate from Russia? Can they, in their current state, attract foreign capital and start trading more with third countries? If not, shouldn't they focus on making their cooperation with Russia more efficient and beneficial?

Conclusion: The Bachelor Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **2**

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