

# Assessment of Bachelor Thesis – Opponent



Study programme: **International Economic Relations**

Field of study: **International Business**

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Bachelor Thesis Topic: **Investment climate in Russia in energy and agricultural sectors from the perspective of opportunities for foreign direct investment**

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

## Comments and Questions:

The bachelor thesis analyzes investment climate in the two selected industries of the Russian economy, the agricultural sector – very discussed nowadays given the current Russian agricultural business optimism produced by government interventions – and energy – a traditional strategic industry for Russia. The thesis is extremely well-funded and examines both industries in significant detail using official and other high quality up-to-date sources, which constitutes its main value added. Furthermore, the thesis combines a form of the PEST analysis and the SWOT analysis offering an overall balanced methodology. I recommend this thesis for defense with the final grade **excellent**. At the same time, I recommend the author to check all the used sources in future, even if they are not connected to the topic in question: for example, the predictions for the Russian automotive market from 2014 are no longer valid, the market is hardly at the level of 2 million sold vehicles per year (the thesis claimed 3 million annually).

## Questions for the defense of the final thesis:

1. Can agriculture become a new strategic industry for Russia? In answering this question, I suggest comparing the current situation with the Tsarist times when the Russian Empire's share in the world exports of grain was ca. 1/3 (the data is taken from Western sources).
2. What reforms, in the opinion of the author, should the Russian government implement to increase inflows of FDI into the economy (current sanctions being disregarded)?

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

Suggested Grade: **1**

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