Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant

Study programme: **International Economic Relations**
Field of study: **International and Diplomatic Studies**
Academic year: **2017/2018**
Master Thesis Topic: **EUROPEAN COMMON TRADE POLICY: KEY INSTRUMENT AND THEIR APPLICATION TOWARDS EMERGING POWERS**
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	Criterion	Mark (1–4)
1.	Overall objective achievement	3
2.	Logical structure	2
3.	Using of literature, citations	3
4.	Adequacy of methods used	3
5.	Depth of analysis	3
6.	Self-reliance of author	2
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	3
8.	Language and stylistics	2

Comments and Questions:

Master's Thesis by Viktoriia Panfilova aims at analyzing the common European approach towards trade agreements in general and take a closer look on how it is implemented towards emerging powers. It is however rather descriptive and most parts of the thesis are actually dedicated to general patterns of the trade policy without any clear focus towards emerging powers. These are more systematically treated with in the last chapter, where the case study of India and Brazil offers a closer look – still, also here predominant description does not offer enough analysis. As a result conclusions of the thesis are rather shallow and without clear emphasis on what is declared as the aim. The author uses relevant data to describe some trends in trade relations but these should have been analyzed more profoundly and put into the right context. Also the formal and stylistic requirements could have been met better.

Despite the above mentioned comments and major areas for improvement, the thesis meets basic requirements for Diploma These and it can be defended. **I do recommended that it is evaluated as good.**

Suggested questions to be treated during defense:

1. Does the European Union have any specific trade policy approach toward emerging powers? If so, what are its components?

2. Do EU treaties with emerging powers deal with political issues? How?

Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **3**

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