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Konkrétní připomínky a dotazy k práci:

This is a very good or even excellent master thesis, with logical structure, informative and knowledgeable arguments, and impressive heuristic base of sources. I really appreciate a trans-disciplinary nature of this thesis, Jeremy deserves some merit for trying to apply a sociological perspective of Giddens agency-structure approach to interpret situation of Berber tribes in Northern Africa. The thesis aptly combines the theoretical and empirical perspective, and although we can always question suitability of selected theoretical background, methodological innovativeness deserves support and recognition. I also appreciated visual material (maps) which helps understanding. In term of my objections, I would appreciate if both Introduction and Conclusion were more comprehensive and more in-depth elaborated (that would go well also with the fact that thesis is on the low end of mandatory word count). A part of insufficiency of Intro is also the lack of clarity about what an alleged "case study" is going to focus on. From introducing theoretical background Jeremy moves to introducing "terms", but from these two steps it is not necessarily clear what particularly phenomenon is a case study going to interpret or tackle. In places the theoretical analysis is little bit scratchy and could have been better structured and more thorough. For instance, starting explanation of "practice theory" with the simplistic figure (Figure 1) does not feel very productive and trustworthy. In places also wordings were little confusing, for instance "link together social and objective world" (p. 5); what does Jeremy mean by "objective world" and why it is detached from "social world"? Or other, minor point, in the Intro Jeremy talks about focusing on terms (e.g. arabization) rather than on phenomena which he actually deals with. Typing fonts throughout the thesis are inconsistent (e.g. in table of content, references etc). In the Intro Jeremy writes about "societal system" as oppose to "societal structure". Could this be discussed at the Exam? What is the difference of these two and how this is reflected in applied theoretical approaches (Giddens and others)? Simply put, very solid piece of work.

Závěr: Diplomovou práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

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