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Master's Thesis Review

Student's name and surname: Davi Costa da Silva

Title of the thesis: The Brazilian Agrarian-Industrial Towns of Jan Antonín Bat'a (1941-1965)

Reviewer's name and surname: Gábor SONKOLY

1. Heuristic (please, evaluate by grade 1, 2, 3, 4 – in case of grading 3 and 4 the reviewer is obliged to formulate critical points)

1.1 Evaluation of the selection of literature and sources	1
1.2 Complexity of used sources from the perspective of the state of the art	1

Short evaluation: Excellent choice of literature, an impressive range of sources from two continents.

2. Research problem and its solution (please, evaluate by grade 1, 2, 3, 4 – in case of grading 3 and 4 the reviewer is obliged to formulate critical points)

2.1 Choice of the formulation of the research issue respects the task given to the student	1
2.2 The relevance of the goal from the perspective of research area methodology	1

Short evaluation: Very good.

3. Thesis' structure evaluation (please, evaluate by grade 1, 2, 3, 4 – in case of grading 3 and 4 the reviewer is obliged to formulate critical points)

3.1 Is the structure of the thesis logical?	1
3.2 Does the thesis' structure work along the methodology and methods declared in the introduction	1



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Short evaluation: Coherent and logical.

4. Quality of analysis and interpretation (please, evaluate by grade 1, 2, 3, 4 – in case of grading 3 and 4 the reviewer is obliged to formulate critical points)

4.1 Analysis of sources and literature	1
4.2 Interpretation of sources and literature in their interaction	1

Short evaluation: Excellent.

5. Quality of the text (please, evaluate by grade 1, 2, 3, 4 – in case of grading 3 and 4 the reviewer is obliged to formulate critical points)

5.1 Style and grammar	1
5.2 Use of terminology	2

Short evaluation: Good, sometimes colloquial style. The terminology can be developed further.

6. Synthetic evaluation (minimum 500 signs):

Davi Costa da Silva's thesis is a fine example of a solid analysis based on the author's own situation and personal experience. The author investigates a fascinating topic with methodological care and through the analysis of a wide range of sources. Thus, the thesis is bestowed with a double advantage: it sheds new light on the urban and industrial strategies of the Bat'a empire and it also shows its local particularities in the Brazilian cases. This scientific should not only be published in a slightly corrected format, but also developed further in a doctoral thesis.



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7. Questions and comments which should the candidate answer and discuss during the defence:

How can the establishment of the Brazilian Bat'a towns inserted into the global urban history approach?

What would be the advantages of a further analysis?

Suggested grade: 1 (A)

Date: Budapest, 2018-06-17

Signature: *Gábor Székely*