

## **Review of Bachelor Thesis**

Author: Kuzmina Mariia. 2018. Political and Economic Migrants: migration Policy of the Czech Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany in 2013-2016.

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The author selected for her Bachelor Thesis, one of the burning issues of the world particularly for the European Union. The migration question is on the top of European Union agenda and gradually it became the main point of disagreement between Eastern European and West European states.

The Bachelor Thesis is well organized and logically structured. The main body of the work is divided into six chapters, if we leave the introduction and conclusion of the paper.

The author selected two neighbouring states of European Union: the Czech Republic and Federal Republic of Germany to compare both countries' migration policies, rules of applying migrants and refugees; living conditions for migrants and refugees. The author in her method of research used written official documents of both states, starting from the constitutions of both countries, International law, which both states accepted as part of their domestic law, and other laws which are specifically put in place by parliaments as the guidance for governments' policies.

The Bachelor thesis analysed the period of four years (2013-2016) of two groups of foreign nationals who resided in both countries. The first group are foreign nationals resided in the Czech Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. The second group are Asylum seekers registered in both states. The research paper is very rich in empirical data, which was supported by sixteen tables, taken from both countries' different ministries specialised with foreigners coming to both countries for various reasons.

The finding of the author is very interesting to compare the truth based on data gathered from both governments' documents and what we heard during this period (2013-2016) from parliaments' discussions and mass media. For example in 2013, Asylum seekers registered in the Czech Republic, from countries devastated by war, such as Syria are only 69 individuals, and from Nigeria 22 individuals (p.29) others are from different countries of former Soviet Union members states, Cuba and Vietnam.

The Bachelor Thesis is full of facts, in addition to the above mentioned tables it was supported by four figures of total number of migrants registered in both countries and total number of foreigners claiming international protection in both countries, for example a total number of foreigners claiming international protection in the Czech Republic in 2015 were 1525 individuals (p.50), and a total number of foreigners claiming international protection in the Germany in the same year were 476649 individuals (p.52).

The author's work is very rich in literature in which she used 105 quotation and long list of works in bibliography (p.57-69).

I advise, the author for her future academic 'journey', before submitting the final version of any work it is better to give for somebody for prove readings.

I full recommend the paper to be accepted and propose as excellent job done. I strongly advise the author to continue her work on immigration question, one of the key topics of Europe today.

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