



## Master's Thesis Evaluation Form

*Student's name:* Ege Çelikdemir

*Thesis title:* Everyday Life Experiences and Integration Process: A case of the Turkish Minority in the Netherlands

*Name of the supervisor:* Zdeněk Uherek

*What are the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis? Please give your reasons for the suggested grade in detail below.*

The work deals with migration processes from Turkey to the Netherlands and the subsequent adaptation of migrants to the new environment. It is based on long-term field research in the Dutch environment, where the author lived in a Turkish family in a Dutch city and conducted a dialogue with the local immigration community. The fieldwork I highly appreciate.

The data elaboration stands on the border between ethnography and a survey conducted through guided interviews. The presentation of the collected material in the diploma thesis is more strongly based on interviews than ethnography. I think it was possible to extract more from the observations and utilize the data ethnographical data even more.

The author chose media usage, attachment to the country of origin, language use, and everyday experience as indicators of integration into the new environment. Although the topics seem somewhat inconsistent, it is very valuable that they were derived from everyday field experience with local people. The discussed topics are based on the knowledge of what the respondents are talking about, what they consider to be integration.

The text is rich in the selection of topics and the speeches of the respondents and can be used in following academic practice. On the contrary, a certain deficit of the diploma thesis is in the field of theory. Although the author defines the basic concepts, the selection of indicators and the answers obtained in the field are not subject to theoretical reflection. Although the author cites relevant literature in the text, she works almost exclusively with her own data and does not use the opportunity to confront them with knowledge from other sources.



*Topics and questions for the defense:*

The author correctly paid significant attention to the work of the media, their language, and the distribution of information. It is interesting that in this context, the work does not talk about religion at all, visits to the mosque, and the creation of collectivities in connection with this form of activity. Could the author explain it? The author also did not pay attention to the material conditions of the life of the respondents. Do they live in apartments or family houses? Are they in a closed neighborhood or dispersed among the rest of the population? Who are their neighbors, and what are relations to them? How far is it to the city center? Where do respondents mostly work? What is the unemployment rate here?

*Final evaluation*

I consider the work to be above average. I recommend it for the defense and rate it as B - excellent.

Date: Praha, September 11, 2020

Doc. PhDr. Zdeněk Uherek, CSc.