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Dear Kateřina Wojasov:

This is a review of the Associate Professor thesis submitted by **Alice Nmcov Tejkalov** to the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at Charles University. I have known Prof. Tejkalov for several years, but have never collaborated with her on any research projects.

The thesis presents Prof. Tejkalov's publications on journalism, and specifically sports journalism, in the Czech Republic. An introduction describing the context for these studies points to their significance and uniqueness, as well as their relationship to the study of media and communication.

Prof. Tejkalov's commentary also emphasizes how her teaching and professional experiences have influenced this work, and provides context and complexity to her research. The comments not only introduce these studies, but confirm the insights and proficiency of the researcher. The discussion also highlights Prof. Tejkalov's collaboration with other scholars and students and indicates future research projects. And the references that follow these introductory sections reinforce the scholarship that is strongly demonstrated in the studies included in the thesis.

- *The Relationship Between Journalism Studies and Media Professionals in the Czech Republic*
- *Czech Journalists in the 21st century: Who are They?*

These studies make important contributions to journalism as a profession and its academic study. It is especially important to document the field as it has emerged in various national contexts, and these articles do this for the Czech Republic. The methodology is well-chosen and executed, and the arguments clear and strong.

- *In Media We Trust: Journalists and Institutional Trust Perceptions in Postauthoritarian and Post-totalitarian Countries*

This is another important article especially because of the focus on the notion of trust in relation to journalism – an extremely timely and relevant concept. The study of this issue in countries with authoritarian/totalitarian histories is a notable contribution and Prof.



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Tejkalová's leadership for this study, published in a highly respected journal, is impressive

- *Sports Reporting from a Slightly Alternative Perspective*
- *Twenty Years After: Czech Heroes and Fallen Heroes of the Nagano 1998 Olympic Games*
- *Anything Can Happen in Women's Tennis, or Can It? An Empirical Investigation into Bias in Sports Journalism*

These publications represent Prof. Tejkalová's unique and significant work focusing on sports journalism. The arguments, approaches and methods used are appropriate and well-executed, and the attention to women's sports is significant.

Overall, this thesis demonstrates the work of an intelligent, active researcher who is doing very competent and valuable work. Prof. Tejkalová's studies are well-conceived and nicely written, as well as making unique contributions to the field of media and journalism studies.

Please note that all professional studies submitted by Alice Nemcova Tejkalova are originals.

And finally, I recommend Alice Nemcova Tejkalova for the position of Associate Professor at Charles University.

Sincerely,

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