



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The impact of national identity on the Czech position towards European integration

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	32
<i>Total</i>		80	70
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	89



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis aims to demonstrate a connection between the Czech national identity determined by key historical narratives and the Czech Euroscepticism. The author uses constructivism, specifically the concept of national identity, and applies the historical method to analyse the development of the Czech identity and Euroscepticism. Both theoretical and methodological frameworks are sound. The thesis then builds on extensive literature research on the causes of Euroscepticism in the EU and thus sets its argument very well within the existing literature.

The author then attempts to illustrate her argument on three cases where the Czech Euroscepticism manifested: a) ratification process of the Constitutional and Lisbon Treaties, b) position on the CSDP and c) position on the eurozone and the euro adoption. Unfortunately, the argument is limited to presenting the context and some comments and positions of key Eurosceptic actors; more in-depth analysis is missing. Some relevant points are omitted, such as the preparation and discussion of the so-called Czech Protocol to the Lisbon Treaty, or the Czech debates on reforms of economic governance, that would surely paint a richer picture of the causes of Euroscepticism and their manifestations in these cases.

It seems clear that the author is much more familiar and comfortable with Czech history than with more current affairs related to its EU membership.

Minor criteria:

Minor stylistic issues



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Overall evaluation:

The thesis is built on sound theoretical and methodological foundations and adequately positioned within existing academic debates related to the impacts of national identity on state's preferences. The significance of historical events for the Czech identity formation is supported by well-founded arguments and a large number of significant sources, including previous research. The analysis of the cases where the Euroscepticism manifested is more superficial. Despite this reservation, I recommend the thesis for defence with a suggested grade B.

Suggested grade: B

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