

CHARLES UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Social Sciences
Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism

MA THESIS REVIEW

NOTE: Only the grey fields should be filled out!

Review type (choose one):

Review by thesis supervisor Review by opponent

Thesis author:

Surname and given name: Stricker Annika

Thesis title: How Gendered Discrimination Limits Women's Professional Practice in Conflict Reporting in Latin America

Reviewer:

Surname and given name: Němcová Tejkalová Alice

Affiliation: ICSJ

1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RESEARCH PROPOSAL AND THESIS (mark one box for each row)

		Conforms to approved research proposal	Changes are well explained and appropriate	Changes are explained but are inappropriate	Changes are not explained and are inappropriate	Does not conform to approved research proposal
1.1	Research objective(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Methodology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Thesis structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTARY (description of the relationship between the research proposal and the thesis. If there are problems, please be specific):

2. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS CONTENT

Use letters A – B – C – D – E – F (A=best, F= failed)

		Grade
2.1	Quality and appropriateness of the theoretical framework	A
2.2	Ability to critically evaluate and apply the literature	A
2.3	Quality and soundness of the empirical research	A
2.4	Ability to select the appropriate methods and to use them correctly	A
2.5	Quality of the conclusion	A
2.6	Thesis originality and its contribution to academic knowledge production	B

COMMENTARY (description of thesis content and the main problems): Annika Stricker managed to build very strong theoretical basis for her analysis. The theoretical part is full of interesting concepts necessary for the research, elaborately and logically connected to each other thanks to the author's ability to critically read and interpret. Thus, it is fully understandable why Annika Stricker decided to analyze exactly these phenomenons and why it is important to do so. Using phenomenological approach, she revealed patterns in behaviour towards female journalists in the Latin America and their reactions to it which she presented in her findings, and in the thorough Discussion and Conclusion she set these phenomenons into a broader context. Even though other articles have been already published about the topic, this thesis is widening the field, going quite deep into the problem thanks to the qualitative approach.

3. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS FORM

Use letters A – B – C – D – E – F (A=best, F= failed)

		Grade
3.1	Quality of the structure	A

3.2	Quality of the argumentation	A
3.3	Appropriate use of academic terminology	A
3.4	Quality, quantity and appropriateness of the citations (both in the theory part and in the empirical part)	A
3.5	Conformity to quotation standards (*)	A
3.6	Use of an academic writing style, and correct use of language (both grammar and spelling)	A
3.6	Quality of the textual lay-outing and appendices	A

(*) in case the text contains quotations without references, the grade is F; in case the text contains plagiarised parts, do not recommend the thesis for defence and suggest disciplinary action against the author instead.

COMMENTARY (description of thesis form and the main problems):

4. OVERALL EVALUATION (provide a summarizing list of the thesis's strengths and weaknesses):

In her thesis, Annika Stricker convincingly showed that she is able to conduct independent research of high quality. The topic belongs to those, which are important to be analyzed but do not have enough attention, even though the times have been slightly changing. The level of academic writing and the presentation of results are excellent, the use of other sources carefully referenced. Therefore, I suggest to grade this thesis by A.

5. QUESTIONS OR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE THESIS DEFENSE:

5.1	Do you think there is a way how to improve the situation of female reporters in conflict zones?
5.2	Have you ever considered to be a reporter in Latin America? What would you do to prevent the situations happening to the female journalists there?
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5.4	

6. ANTIPLAGIARISM CHECK

The reviewer is familiar with the thesis' URKUND score.

If the score is above 5%, please evaluate and indicate problems:

6.1	All the quoted sources are referenced.
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7. SUGGESTED GRADE OF THE THESIS AS A WHOLE (choose one or two)

- A** excellent
- B** very good (above average but with some weaknesses)
- C** good (average with some important weaknesses)
- D** satisfactory (below average with significant weaknesses)
- E** marginal pass (meeting minimal requirements)
- F** not recommended for defence

If the mark is an "F", please provide your reasons for not recommending the thesis for defence:

Date: 3rd September 2022

Signature:

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