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**PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE**  
**(Posudek vedoucího)**

Práci předložil(a) student(ka): Sebastian Abdou

Název práce: *The Utilization of LGBT+ Rights in Politics: Between the Netherland and Hungary*

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Vedoucí práce (u externích vedoucích uveďte též adresu a funkci v rámci instituce): Paul Bauer

1. OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle):

In his work, Sebastian Abdou discusses the recent political uses of LGBT+ rights in Europe through the Dutch and Hungarian case studies. To do so, the author proposes to address the question of sexual rights through the meticulous analysis of the concepts and theories that framed in these two countries the national building processes. Sebastian Abdou is arguing that the way in which national communities have been elaborated in recent history influences the extent of rights given to individuals and group to pursue their life according to free choices. In this respect, Sebastian Abdou questions the very nature of the principal that leads political choices under democratic circumstances. Concretely, his work aims at investigating the reasons, arguments, and the debate for and against the introduction of laws concerned with the rights of LGBT+ communities. More precisely, the author intends to understand the relation between sexual orientation, heteronormativity and the support for ethnic identity to pursue national objectives, notably in Hungary. The work is less a sociological research based on empirical data's than an attempt to test the validity of theories on national building, sexual rights in European liberal democratic experiences.

2. VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.):

To do so, the author proposes at first to explore through and extended and well discussed state of the art, the conceptual debates on the articulation of national building and the history of sexual rights and its link to freedom and liberty (chap. on heteronormativity 2.2 and Rights and Liberty 2.4). He then briefly develops a methodological apparatus that explicates the chosen comparison and the type of discourses he analyzes. The comparison between Hungary and the Netherlands aims at testing the theories reviewed by comparing them to the sources collected on the political debate concerning LGBT+ rights in the two countries. In the second part, he traces the extent of the political debates on LGBT+ rights in both countries, before confronting the discursive elements of the debates with a selection of concepts present in theoretical propositions on this subject.

According to the proposed objectives, the structure of the work follows a logical progression, and the extent of the theoretical discussion is very good for a Master thesis. I commend Sebastian Abdou for this!

3. FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.):

As I am not a native English speaker, I will not comment so much on the style, but saying that with some exceptions, the text is clear, sophisticated (maybe sometime too much) and well-handled from a conceptual point of view. The use of references is following very good standards for a master thesis.

4. STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE (celkový dojem z diplomové práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.):

The general impression is very good. The only remark concerns the place given to Netherlands national building in the state of the art, as the author develops extensively on ethnic national building model and heteronormativity construction that highlights primarily the Hungarian case.

5. SPOLUPRÁCE S VEDOUCÍM PRÁCE (komunikace s vedoucím práce, schopnost reflektovat připomínky, posun od původního záměru apod.)

It has been a pleasure to work with Sebastian Abdou. He consulted with me in regular basis, always with an open-minded approach, curious to learn and improve his reflection.

6. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ (jedna až tři):

Recent developments in Western extreme rights and conservative parties, notably in France and Germany have integrated to a certain extent Homonationalism as a discursive tactic to oppose to European Muslim conservative voices that criticize the equalization of rights for sexual minorities. How do you understand the absence of such a step in Hungary or Poland?

In your work you mention the interplay of several segregations and discriminations that touch individuals according to their sexual orientation, gender and/or ethno-cultural background in Hungary and Netherlands, without using intersectionality as a perspective. Do you think the notion of intersectionality, that is used recently by sociologists to emphasize the various individuals and groups that are the targets of illiberal practices and illiberal regime, has a place in your analysis?

7. DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA

(A a B výborně, C a D velmi dobře, E dobře, F nevyhovělo): Despite the few remarks on the relative unbalanced comparison, I recommend a grade A for the quality of the conceptual discussion that is unfortunately too rare at this level of study.

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Podpis: Paul Bauer

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