Master's Thesis Evaluation Form

Student's name: Michaela Mendelová

Thesis title: Humans, artificial intelligence and sentience

Name of the supervisor: Filip Vostal

Name of the opponent:

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

1.   Does the author show understanding of one or more theories, and use theory to generate a hypothesis or to make the problem area more understandable.

Comments: The author clearly understands recent (grounded and other) theories that map out artificial intelligence and its perception.

2.   Is the research question articulated clearly and properly? Is the research question sufficiently answered in the conclusion?

Comments: The research question is well articulated and sufficiently tackled throughout the analysis and addressed in the conclusion.

3.   Is the thesis based on relevant research and literature and does it accurately summarize and integrate the information?

Comments: The thesis is based on sum of relevant literature and uses it well in subsequent analysis.

4.   What is the quality of the data or the other sources? Are the sample method, data collection and data analysis appropriate?

Comments: The quality of (secondary) data is high. Their operationalization and analysis is very robust.

5.   Are the findings relevant to the research question? Are the conclusions of the thesis based on strong arguments?

Comments: The findings are well related to research question. Conclusion is grounded in ample argumentation that stem from in-dept analysis of data.

6.   Are the author's thoughts distinguished unambiguously from the borrowed ideas?

Comments: Yes.

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7.   Is the thesis containing original/innovative research (in terms of topic, approach, and/or findings)?

Comments: The research analysis itself is original and innovative in its form and conduct.

8.   What is the quality of style and other formal requirements?

Comments: The quality of style and formal requirements are sufficient.

9.   Are there any other strengths and weaknesses of the thesis, which are not included in the previous questions? Please list them if any.

Comments:

10.   What topic do you suggest for the discussion in the thesis defence?

Comments: Why did you select the theme you did? In what ways specifically does secondary data analysis contribute to existing knowledge base?

11.   Declaration that the supervisor has read the result of the originality check in the system: [   ]   Theses   [x]   Turnitin   [   ]   Original   (Urkund)

Supervisor's comment on the originality check result: OK.

Overall assessment of the thesis:
The thesis is grounded in secondary analysis of AIMS from 2021, which investigated the perception of artificial intelligence, its sentience and broad integration in society. The author deployed latent class analysis to determine how respondents perceive inclusion of sentient artificial intelligence. Whilst the analysis as such and the subsequent results are robust and well-articulated, the rationale of the overall investigation is slightly underdeveloped. However, overall, the thesis is well structured, the analysis is strong and it makes a number of relevant and important points. Therefore, I recommend it for a defence.

Proposed grade: B

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