

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	An analysis of Taiwan as a geoeconomic actor
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Referee (incl. titles):	Bohumil Doboš
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the four numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Contribution and argument: The thesis presents a geoeconomic analysis of the Taiwanese semiconductor industry. It selects narrow-enough topic to be manageable in the scope of the Master's thesis, yet very important from both theoretical and empirical perspective. This was made clearly visible in a chip crisis tied to the COVID-19 pandemics. It is well-structured and developed and highlights the limits of the utilization of the privileged position Taiwan has in the industry as a geoeconomic tool. The conclusions are clear and are informed by the data and analysis presented.

2) Theoretical and methodological framework: The theoretical framework is very thoroughly developed and clearly justified. Methodologically speaking, selection of a single-case study makes sense and is well handled.

3) Sources and literature: The amount and quality of literature used is very good. There are no issues with citations.

4) Manuscript form and structure: From a formal point of view, there are no noteworthy issues. The structure of the thesis is very logical.

5) Quality of presentation: There are no notable language issues.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	37
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	25
<i>Sources and literature (max. 10 points)</i>	10
<i>Manuscript form and structure (max. 15 points)</i>	15
<i>Quality of presentation (grammar, style, coherence) (max. 10 points)</i>	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	97
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

Suggested questions for the defence are:

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

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TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)

71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.