



POSUDEK DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE (THESIS REVIEW)

Typ posudku: posudek oponenta práce

Autorka práce: Bc. Ema Brunovská

Název práce: The impact of the Russian-Ukrainian war on the formation of the energy policy in the European Union

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The author's choice of topic is up-to-date and interesting. Although the main impact, the activities leading to a decrease in the dependence of the European Union on Russian fossil fuels, is well-known, the thesis also uncovers more delicate nuances behind this more general outcome of the Russian aggression on the energy policy of the EU.

First, I would like to underline the most significant advantages of this thesis:

- Use of English for writing: I appreciate the decision to present this work in English. This choice broadens its reach and ensures that valuable information is accessible to a broader international audience. Using English as a communication medium is a great advantage in the academic realm. Using a foreign language is always more difficult than using mother tongue, even if most resources can be found in English.
- Extensive list of references: The compilation of sources is truly impressive, not only in the number of academic sources but also in their focus. The author thoroughly mapped the previous applications of a similar methodological approach on energy issues and the current state of knowledge in energy policy of the European Union. It shows that the author read with great passion and depth, successfully summarised the current knowledge, a feature one typically finds in a doctoral thesis. The inclusion of such a diverse range of high-quality references greatly enriches the content and adds credibility to the material.
- The author selected a technically challenging topic and managed it very well.

I also have some comments which might lead to an improvement of the thesis:

- The analysis of the meetings and texts presented on pages 49-85 is too extensive for a body of the thesis. I would recommend placing these into an appendix, leaving only the presented overviews of the meetings there. The reader cannot read it through.
- Although I understand the approach to coding, I wonder if more general code families could be applied as an addition to codes to better uncover the development of the topics targeted (e.g., environmental issues, technical issues, energy costs and energy



market, independence on fossil fuels, and the like – these are code families which come to my mind quickly, therefore might not be the most relevant for this analysis).

- In some places, the text is repetitive. E.g. many times, the author mentions the methodology approach. It can be mentioned shortly in the introduction and thoroughly discussed in the methodology part.
- The Section "Analysis" also includes some parts that would fit better in the description of the starting points of the analysis; other parts of the section "Analysis" in the methodology part.
- The text would benefit from more graphical apparatus visualising the methodological approach and analytical outcomes.
- Table on p. 85: It needs to be visible for first sight that the numbers refer to the texts or meetings analysed above.
- Citations in the text: Where a paper is a reference to a figure, it is not necessary to present the full citation there (e.g., p. 42); if there are more sources from one institution and year, it is necessary to distinguish them by a letter as they are distinguished in the list of references (e.g., p. 95).

I would also like to comment on the period analysed, which ended in June 2023, one month before the thesis submission. The short period before the end of the analysed period and the submission deadline must have been really stressful and was not necessary. The author could have selected a shorter time period and be able to focus on a more in-depth analysis thanks to it.

I see a strong potential in the author to carry on in the academic realm with PhD studies. I would like to encourage the author to do so.

A question to the defence: Please discuss, if and if yes, than how code families could enhance the results of your analysis.

For the above reasons, I recommend accepting the thesis for defence and evaluating it with grade "B".

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