

BACHELOR'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT
PPE – Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Indigenous Water Rights in Queretaro: Water Justice and International Standards
Student's name:	Aldo Ivan Ramirez Ocampo
Referee's name:	Hana Kubátová

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	50	45
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	15	14
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	15	12
Total		80	71
Minor Criteria			
	Sources, literature	10	9
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	5	4
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	5	5
Total		20	18
TOTAL		100	89

Plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score:

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Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

Aldo's thesis joins a broader scholarly debate on water access, poverty, and development. Building on existing literature and an extensive analysis of perceptions, policies, and practices related to water governance in the area of Queretaro, Mexico, Aldo traces how "discourses on Indigenous Water Rights articulated by international organizations compare and contrast with those advocated by indigenous movements on the local ground" (p. 5).

The herein presented thesis underscores the centrality of justice in water governance, and demonstrates power dynamics in water management through lenses of governmentality and institutional analysis. Utilizing Critical Discourse Analysis, Aldo in his thesis shows how water rights have been crafted, articulated, shaped (and twisted) by a multitude of stakeholders. Heavily focused on the case of Queretaro, Aldo's thesis would benefit from

articulating clearly the “big picture” of studying water justice and international standards, as also the subtitle of his thesis suggest.

Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): B

Suggested questions for the defence are:

I (do not) recommend the thesis for final defence.

Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

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.