

IEPS MASTER THESIS OPPONENT REVIEW

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THESIS TITLE: The Development of Thai Health Care System during Last Decade

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REVIEW

Thananya Chanpen offers a broad description of the Thai healthcare system and its historical development in the last decades. She describes at large the historical context of the healthcare system development (since 1782) until the present days where she focuses on the impacts of globalization, economic crisis in 1997 and 2008 and on the cooperation with the European Union.

The method used is purely descriptive with several comparative tables. The HIT methodology was not fully followed which causes some problems in understanding the text. The structure of the thesis must not always be intelligible to the reader. The main problem of this thesis, from my point of view, is the English language. The author should have done some grammar corrections and several proof-readings before handing the thesis in. The language is inexact and no very precise which decreases the value of information that the author has included in the thesis.

As far as bibliography is concerned, the author uses many relevant sources including the reports of the Ministry of Health in Thailand, documents of international organizations and data from the Statistical office. Nearly all citations and references are done correctly.

The author poses several basic questions and finds for every question the answer and fulfils the main research objective i.e. *"how Thai health care system is developed."*

Based on this assessment I propose grade 3 while the author should answer several questions:

- What are other the methods of measuring health status in the healthcare?
- Who is the most influential actor in healthcare in Thailand? How does he/she/it influence the healthcare policy?
- What is the difference in measuring expenditures on health nominally (e.g. in Bath) and in real terms (e.g. as a % of GDP)?

OPPONENT GRADE: 3

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