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Report on Master Thesis

Title: The goal is liberty: How the U.S. and China fit between economic and

political freedom

Author: Kristina Winkler

The author has surely written an interesting and well elaborated thesis. After a couple of introductory chapters (short overview of freedom, socialism, capitalism and democracy), we can find two chapters with the original contribution: case studies both for America and China.

This thesis is a descriptive one with a lot of interesting ideas. I would appreciate if the author used more "hard analysis", using some more advanced statistical methods for comparison of developments both in time and space.

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion and I suggest evaluating it like a very good one (B).

Prof. RNDr. Jiří Hlaváček, CSc. Opponent

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