

Report on Master Thesis

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

The aim of this thesis is to discuss links between economic and political freedom, with the use of comparing and contrasting developments in the USA and China.

This thesis is well structured. After four introductory chapters discussing economic and political freedom and their combination and some more general ideas about capitalism, socialism and democracy, two case studies are analyzed in the 6th chapter (America) and in the 7th chapter (China).

In Conclusions (10 pages), author presents some interesting and original ideas and I really appreciate this.

I have consulted with the author the preceding versions of this thesis and in this final version, all my comments have been taken into account already.

For the final discussion, I suggest to discuss the basic contrasts between America and China.

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion. I suggest evaluating it with an A.

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

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CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	22
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	22
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	20
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	84
GRADE (1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	1

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EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

Strong Average Weak
20 10 0

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

Strong Average Weak
30 15 0

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

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20 10 0

Overall grading:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE		
81 – 100	1	= excellent	= výborně
61 – 80	2	= good	= velmi dobře
41 – 60	3	= satisfactory	= dobře
0 – 40	4	= fail	= nedoporučuji k obhajobě