

Evaluation of the Master's Thesis	
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Understanding complexity of problematic relationship between Slovakia and Hungary is important and very interesting topic to analyse. Newly emerged neighborhood of states within Central Europe is a theme form many political scientist, from well known research centers who focus on key factors feeding the tensions and its effects. The effort of student Gabriela Tibenská, in this context, seems very beneficial and up to date. And this is the reason why presented thesis fulfills the basic criteria – the proper relevancy for the research - from methodological, theoretical and political perspectives.

Technical structure of the text is transparent: it starts with theoretical part, where student prove her attempts to in-depth description, theoretical deliberation and analysis of the topic and present the methodology and structure that will be used. Carpathian Basin is delineated as well. Topic itself is divided into three core chapters. The division in chapters is logical – defines all five action spatial of Carpathian Basin and describes the case study countries and their relations till today.

All the chapters are divided into paragraphs in a correct manner. The argumentation is structured correctly and really easy to follow, so the thesis fulfills all the criteria set to M.A. program according to the standards of the Institute of Political Science. Profitable supplements of the text are figures and tables that perfectly demonstrate the analyzed data.

Gabriela Tibenská has formulated the research questions and hypothesis clearly and they were analyzed well and critically. She has demonstrated knowledge of the research field and the conclusions of her thesis have showed author's ability to work with all kind of informative sources and literature but mainly her proficiency in this topic. Therefore, I propose to evaluate the thesis as **excellent**.

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