

Evaluation of the Master's Thesis	
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Name of student	Christine Elyse Hernandez
Title of the thesis	Comparative Analysis of Policies and Practices of Border Control and the Detention of Illegal Immigrants in the United States and the European Union
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Border control and immigration policies is indeed very interesting topic. Apart from the general texts on policies, many political scientist, from well known research centers, focus on differences in conditionality and impact of the policies in the chosen region. The effort of student Christine Elyse Hernandez, in this context, seems very beneficial 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 introductory chapter that define a key wording and present the methodology and structure that will be used. Author continues with main chapters 2 and 3 where student proves her attempts to in-depth description and theoretical analysis of the topic and present policies and practices of immigration in both regions - USA and EU. The division in chapters is logical – arranges the temporal lines and describes the case study countries and their progress.

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 Faculty of Social Sciences. Profitable supplements of the text could be figures and tables that would better demonstrate the analyzed data.

Christine Elyse Hernandez has formulated the research questions 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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