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**PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE**  
**(Posudek vedoucího)**

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Název práce: **Současná americká zahraniční politika ve vztahu k Polsku: vývoj, faktory, tendence**

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Vedoucí práce (u externích vedoucích uveďte též adresu a funkci v rámci instituce):

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1. **OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE** (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle): The aim of this M.A. thesis is to discuss the main issues in United States foreign policy towards Poland. An historical background is provided as is an evaluation of American policy and interests. An in-depth analysis of the main factors influencing American policy towards Poland is also undertaken by the author.
2. **VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ** (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.): This topic is both interesting and difficult because of the complexities of Poland's position in U.S. foreign policy. Tereza has produced a fascinating study of the subject based upon many sources and solid argumentation.
3. **FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ** (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.): The language used is excellent and all sources are cited correctly. I have no problems with the presentation of the dissertation.
4. **STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE** (celkový dojem z bakalářské práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.):  
Tereza has chosen to write her M.A. dissertation about United States foreign policy towards Poland. The treatise contains an Introduction, three main chapters, and a Conclusion. She cites a plethora of sources that strengthen the credibility of the work.  
In the Introduction, Tereza spells out the purpose of the dissertation and she furnishes a roadmap of the content of the main chapters. In addition, Tereza evaluates the literature. It would have been nice if she had placed the discussion of the literature under a separate heading, but this is not a requirement and in no way detracts from the quality of the work.  
Chapter 1 discusses the respective approaches to the conduct of foreign policy. The realistic, idealistic, and neoliberal (neoconservative) theories are analyzed in detail as is the relationship between the United States and Poland. This chapter is excellently prepared and I praise Tereza's ability to place matters into context.  
In Chapter 2, Tereza scrutinizes the long history of United States-Polish relations from the establishment of the United States until the post-Cold War period. She emphasizes the role of Polish-American organizations. The influences, trends, and factors affecting the ties between the two peoples are elucidated well and the chapter is written in a manner such that it naturally flows into Chapter 3.  
Tereza analyzes U.S.-Polish relations since 2000 in Chapter 3. The cooperation in the Afghan and Iraqi conflicts is emphasized as is the role of Poland in wider United States-Russian relations. Interestingly, despite Poland's loyal conduct as an ally of the United States within the context of NATO and the War on Terror, Poland is not included in the United States' visa waiver program. The curtailing of Poland's role in anti-missile defense by the Obama Administration has also not helped relations. This chapter is analytical and balanced.  
In the Conclusion, recapitulates her major points and reminds the reader that U.S.-Polish relations have been and continue to be influenced by greater foreign policy considerations. She is optimistic about the future of the relationship between the United States and Poland even though United States priorities are shifting away from Europe towards Asia.  
Tereza has produced an outstanding dissertation. I recommend an **excellent** mark without reservation and I think that she might well deserve a **Dean's commendation**.

5. SPOLUPRÁCE S VEDOUCÍM PRÁCE (komunikace s vedoucím práce, schopnost reflektovat připomínky, posun od původního záměru apod.) Tereza has been great in her relations with me. Not only has she loyally consulted with me, but she has also taught me to perceive American foreign policy in new ways.

6. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ (jedna až tři):

1. Are Polish policymakers concerned about the Obama Administration's gradually declining interest in Poland and Central Europe?

2. Should present American visa policies continue, will relations between the United States and Poland suffer?

7. **DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA**

(**výborně**, velmi dobře, dobře, nevyhověl): I recommend an **excellent** classification.

Datum: 14.6.2013

Podpis:

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