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**“Heritage and Innovation II: Polynesian Literature in English**

**F. J. Frisbie, Patricia Grace and Sia Figiel: Three Generations of Authors”**

The submitted MA dissertation follows up on the findings of a foundational and Mathesius-award winning text from 2012, which dealt with three male key Polynesian authors. This previous text established normative frameworks, such as the definition of location, historical background, mythical roots, traditions and customs, and managed to outline literary strategies typical for this literature based on developing oral and literary traditions. It also managed to incorporate this specific literary area into a postcolonial theoretical reading.

The current dissertation is, however, not merely a simple extension of the previous. It builds upon the finding of the previous, expanding and developing its arguments by the readings of the fascinating texts of three women writers. Thus, turning away from three, by now rather canonical male writers, we get a look at the peculiarities and strategies of three women. What is at stake now, in comparison to the previous dissertation, is how women take on the inheritance of Polynesian mythology, how they adopt and adapt the narratives which constitute the core of the varieties of Polynesian identities.

The attention paid to Florence (Johnny) Frisbie is unique not only the Czech context. Therefore, the submitted dissertation is noteworthy for its innovative and very original selection of texts. Organization of text, structure of argumentation, overall is praiseworthy and demands attention. Therefore, I actually intend to recommend the dissertation for consideration in the next round for the Mathesius Award.

Nuanced readings of primary texts, sophisticated application of postcolonial theory, and a dedicated commitment to the exploration of a still rather understudied area - all these ought to be sufficient grounds to substantiate my suggestion for the grade of excellent (**výborně**).

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