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PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE
(Posudek oponenta)

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Název práce: "The last Bridge" – The United German Olympic Teams in the East and West German Press 1956–1964

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1. OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle):

The aim of the Master thesis is to analyze the ways, how the United German Olympic Teams (1956–1964) were represented in East- and West German press. The research question points at the roles that were played by Olympic teams in the discourse on identity, unity and division in the respective states. The author has conducted qualitative analysis of articles published in the *Neues Deutschland* and *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* dailies, using Critical Discourse Analysis as a main research tool.

2. VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.):

The topic, selected data and literature, methodology, structure of the thesis and the final text fulfill the requirements of the Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. The research design is well selected and correctly applied. Maybe only the vast collection of not less than 18 appendices wasn't necessary, as it does not bring substantial added value to the thesis.

3. FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.):

Formal aspects of the thesis are of high quality; there are only few misspellings or typos (p. 4, 32, 39...). Author only forgot to delete some editing comments from the final text (p. 26, 48, 56), and forgot to use the "Ibid." abbreviation a few times (p. 6, 12, 40...). Unfortunately, the text is inconsistent with regard to original German terms and quotes – some are translated, but most of them are not – more consistent approach (e.g. systematic translation in the footnotes) would help.

4. STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE (celkový dojem z diplomové práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.):

Author fulfilled the ultimate goal of the thesis. The text presents very interesting and erudite insight in the press reflection of sports politics in the 1950s and 1960s in both German states. I find a small disbalance in the thesis, when introduction and remarkable context count for approx. 2/3 of the text and the analysis and conclusions count only for about 1/3 of the writing. I consider the qualitative analysis of the selected corpus a little single-oriented, for it consists more in specific quotes and detailed interpretation of particular phrases from the studied articles – I would welcome more extended reflection, i.e. more generalized or summarized view on the ways how the view of East- and West German press evolved in the studied years. Small complementary quantitative inquiry would help in this regard. Last but not least, I consider two and a half pages long conclusion (from the text of 84 pages) a little too modest.

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

During the defense, I would recommend to ask the following questions: 1) What is your interpretation of the role of United German Olympic Teams in the whole history of divided Germany from the today's point of view – a "dead-end street" or an "important alternative"? 2) What was the role of Eastern and Western press in the United German Olympic Teams case? Were they only referring about the events, or did they try to play the role of opinion maker?

6. DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA

(výborně, velmi dobře, dobře, nevyhověl):

I recommend the thesis to proceed to the defense; I suggest the "excellent" grade ("výborně" in Czech).

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Podpis: PhDr. David Emler, Ph.D.