



Master's Thesis Evaluation Form

Student's name: Sopiko Shhobitidze

Thesis title: **Measuring the performance of Public Universities of Georgia: The Case of Social Sciences Faculties Problems of education quality and knowledge production.**

Name of the supervisor: PhDr. Jan Bakon

Name of the opponent: Mgr. Olga Senkova

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis? Please give your reasons for the suggested grade in detail below.

1. *Does the author show understanding of one or more theories, and use theory to generate a hypothesis or to make the problem area more understandable?*

Comments: The author provides a detailed and high quality theoretical review, based on up-to-date and appropriate sources.

2. *Is the research question articulated clearly and properly? Is the research question sufficiently answered in the conclusion?*

Comments: The research questions are clearly articulated and sufficiently answered in the conclusion.

3. *Is the thesis based on relevant research and literature and does it accurately summarize and integrate the information?*

Comments: The author shows the understanding of dominating social science literature on the relevant topic. The literature review is nicely elaborated.

4. *What is the quality of the data or the other sources? Are the sample method, data collection and data analysis appropriate?*

Comments: The author uses two types of qualitative methods: semi-structured interviews and document analysis. It would be also appropriate to use observation methods. However, I put value on detailed interview notes.

5. *Are the findings relevant to the research question? Are the conclusions of the thesis based on strong arguments?*

Comments: The findings are explicitly relevant to the research questions, formulated by the author. The conclusions reflect in details the state of education quality at Social Sciences Faculties at Georgian Public Universities as well as the needs of academic community.



6. *Are the author's thoughts distinguished unambiguously from the borrowed ideas?*

Comments: The author's analysis is based on relevant theoretical and empirical material. The ideas, represented in the research, are new and original.

7. *Is the thesis containing original/innovative research (in terms of topic, approach, and/or findings)?*

Comments: The research is innovative and explicitly showing the problems of education quality at the faculties of social sciences at Georgian public Universities.

8. *What is the quality of style and other formal requirements?*

Comments: The thesis is nicely elaborated, all formal requirements are well respected.

9. *Are there any other strengths and weaknesses of the thesis, which are not included in the previous questions? Please list them if any.*

Comments: I am more than satisfied with the research which is really very detailed.

10. *What topic do you suggest for the discussion in the thesis defence?*

Comments: I would suggest to discuss the role of University students in dealing with problems of education quality and their influence on professors' involvement in this process.

Overall assessment of the thesis:

(Please, state clearly whether the thesis is or is not recommended for a defence and write the main reasons for the recommendation).

Proposed grade: The topic of this Master thesis is specific and difficult. I appreciate authors' effort to apply the detailed theoretical analysis and qualitative method to her research. Therefore I recommend this master thesis for a defence. Proposed grade: A (excellent).

(A- B: excellent, C-D: very good, E: good, F: fail)

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