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PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE
(Posudek oponenta)

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Název práce: *Využívání ekonomických mechanismů v zahraniční politice Ruskej federácie: prípad Arménska*

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1. OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle): *Ms Mutúzová has delivered excellent master thesis analyzing the manners with which the Russian state, particularly through its most important institutions, has applied its 'economic statecraft' logic and instruments on the Armenian foreign and domestic policies between 2013 and 2018. The main aim of Ms Mutúzová in this thesis to not only to analyze the case of Armenia, from this perspective, but also demonstrate, convincingly, how unlike the conceptual terms of geo-economy that underscores the 'negative' instruments of economic sanctions used by states in international relations, 'economic statecraft' captures both the 'positive' logic of 'carrots' and the negative logic of 'stick's with regard to Armenia.*
2. VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.): *This is a sophisticated, well-structured, well-sourced thesis, well-embedded in a theoretical and methodological framework. Mutúzová's creative approach stands in the fact that there she found an appropriate conceptual framework to analyze the multi-faceted contemporary relations between the Russian Federation and its strategic partner the Republic of Armenia. Mutúzová's argument is clear and well-articulated and factually grounded, namely, that in the given timeframe, Russia appears to have used both positive and negative instruments in relation to Armenia's foreign and domestic policy. The sophistication of her approach stands in that she analyzed both the applications of these instruments in foreign and domestic policies, insightfully noting that while in the former the two countries are in much more agreement as to how Armenia, in the latter the situation is more complicated. In addition, the work is extremely well-organized, starting with a clear introduction in which she lays out the scope, context, the research question, the state of the art (though I would have preferred that he references some of the sources from the beginning of the introduction), the theoretical and methodological approach (of the case study) and the thesis' argument. Then she proceeds with Chapter one, in which engages full on with the conceptual nuances of 'economic statecraft' and covers well the theoretical literature surrounding it. Then in the ensuing chapters, she builds up the case study of how Russia behaved geo-economically in the post-soviet space, how Armenia sought to orient itself between the EU and Russia's economic platform of the Eurasian Economic Union, and more insightfully, in the last two chapters how Russia reacted and acted to Armenia's external and domestic developments. In fact, the last chapter represents a clear synthesis of the use of conceptual framework and the empirical input. As regards to her use of sources and literature, Ms Mutúzová does a great job in covering the ground by using both primary and secondary sources and utilizing both qualitative and quantitative data.*
3. FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.): *Ms Mutúzová uses an easily accessible academic language, cites properly and has a good number of graphs to illustrate her points.*
4. STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE (celkový dojem z diplomové práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.): *The originality of Ms Mutúzová's thesis stands in that she identified a conceptual framework which offers an original analytical account of the recent Russian-Armenian relations. This is an excellent work which has no weak points..*
5. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ (jedna až tři):

Is it not the fact that Russia has penetrated and controls most of the Armenian economic life and that it is strategic partner that Russia applies also its ,carrot' approach towards Armenia, otherwise it could have applied only the ,sticks' approach? Elaborate

You identified in your introduction, page 6, that the academic literature has analyzed Russia 's use of economic statecraft towards Ukraine and Belarus. Having analysed the Armenian case, how would you compare it these two cases?

6. DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA (A)

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