

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Developing Russian Far East: A Model of International Medical Education Cluster
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the five numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Contribution and argument:

The thesis develops a blueprint for International Medical Education Cluster in the Russian Far East as a part of the Russian government's policy of turn to east. It would not only aid internal development of the region but also soft power of Russia and enhance its economic basis by adding a sustainable modern economic source. The study is extremely detailed and presents a very convincing model of how such a cluster should work, its strengths and weaknesses and compares it to an already existing model in the Caribbean. The work is extremely innovative, combining geoeconomics of the region, Russian soft power capacities and thoughts on internal development in the country. The argument is very strong based on precise estimates.

2) Theoretical and methodological framework:

The theoretical and methodological background is rooted mainly in Porter's work. It is incorporated very naturally. The method of an in-depth single case study rooted in primary and secondary data analysis is very well suited for the needs of the work.

2) Sources and literature:

The literature seems relevant and the thesis is well cited.

4) Manuscript form and structure:

The thesis is from the formal point of view well prepared.

5) Quality of presentation

There are no language issues and the text is very well prepared.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	39
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	22
<i>Sources and literature (max. 10 points)</i>	10
<i>Manuscript form and structure (max. 15 points)</i>	15
<i>Quality of presentation (grammar, style, coherence) (max. 10 points)</i>	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	96
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

Suggested questions for the defence are:

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

Referee Signature

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TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)

81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.