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Master's Thesis Assessment

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TITLE OF THE THESIS: THE RESULT OF DIRECT AID: MASAKA, UGANDA

ASSESSED BY: Mgr. Martin Riegl, PhD.

ASSESSMENT TYPE: Opponent

1. ASSESSMENT OF THE THESIS CONTENT

ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES	MARK
Relevancy of the topic in relation to the current scientific knowledge	1
Originality of the thesis, contribution to the science subject field	1
Integrity and scale of sources and literature relevant to the subject study	2
Ability for critical appraisal of the sources	1
Standards of working with sources	1
Methodology and its relevancy to the subject study and thesis goals	1-2
Logic of the thesis structure	1-2
Ability to argue, cohesion and coherence of the argument	1-2
Terminology in the relevant field	1
Adhesion to the citation norm	1
Language, stylistic and formal standard of the thesis	1

COMMENTARY:

The author has chosen relevant but controversial topic related to development aid within the region of sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in Uganda. First of all I have to state that the thesis meets all formal criteria of Master thesis required by Faculty of Social Science (scope of the thesis, adherence to quotation norm, clearly defined hypothesis, methodology, structure of the thesis).

I do appreciate the ability of author to conduct an independent and objective research and to work with primary sources as well as the ability to analyze it. Whole thesis which is composed of four chapters (excluding introduction and conclusion) is based on original research (questionnaires) of

Mrs.Ceryak's of the impact of direct aid in one the countries of Great Lakes region which suffers from long-term civil war between Central government of president Y.Museveni and Lord Resistance Army led by J.Cony. The author based her research on theorie of J.Sachs and P.Collier which are undoubtedly relevant to the issue but may open to doubts from academic perspective.

To sum up the review it's possible to state that Mrs.Ceryak successfully tested all four hypotheses. Despite of minor shortages like partially blurred structure of the work I do recommend to grade as excellent.

2. QUESTIONS FOR THE DEFENSE

- a) Would you agree with various opinions that foreign direct aid contributes to continuing backwardness of least developed countries and causes their dependence on foreign aid?
- b) Does direct aid increase foreign direct investment or not?

3. SUGGESTED MARK

The opponent suggest that this paper should be graded as excellent

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