

## **Dissertation evaluation**

**Title of dissertation:**      **What are the factors influencing successful inclusion of deaf children?**

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The submitted dissertation is an outstanding piece of work. It is logically structured into six chapters, bibliography and appendixes. It is a good piece of analytical work, where the literature references and own reflection are in balance.

The aim of research - to detect the factors influencing successful inclusion of deaf children – was successfully reached. The combination of questionnaires, semi-structured interviews, observation and audio-video recording is a good choice in order to meet the demand of triangulation method of data collection. The sample of interviewed respondents with hearing impairment was various consisting of 5 children from UK, 6 from Netherlands and 15 from the Czech Republic. In the last mentioned country it was topped up with 10 young adults and 4 adults. The questionnaires were delivered to parents, class teachers and support teachers/ speech therapist/ special educators of children with hearing impairment in inclusive education.

You demonstrate the ability to analyze the data. I appreciate your well-founded work with the method of observation. You have carefully prepared the observation checklist and moreover the observations of children were video recorded.

The conclusions are commented on the bases of reviewed background literature. I find your recommendations to redeem the Indian prospect of inclusive education of children with hearing impairment especially useful.

The suggestions for improvements:

- Be careful with the terminology used for describing people with special needs (we prefer the term “person with hearing impairment” than “deaf person” – see page 45, 47, etc.).
- The recommendation in the field of methodology used is to follow more carefully the literature on statistical evaluation on data. I am missing for example the reference about level of significance.

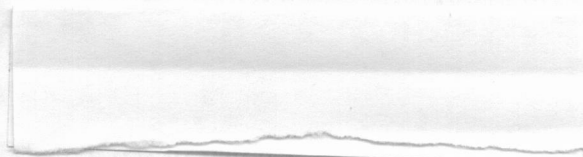
The suggestions for questions to be answered at the viva are the following:

- When asked via questionnaire, parents referred to poor self image of their child (see page 65). What could be the ways, according to your point of view, to boost the self-esteem of children with hearing impairment? Justify.

I recommend the dissertation to be accepted to the viva.

### **Evaluation: 1**

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