

Opinion on Master's Thesis of Christopher Ruggiero
“Higher Education in France and the United States:
Historical Development and Structure”

For his Master's Thesis at Faculty of Social Sciences (International Economic and Political Studies), Charles University in Prague Christopher Ruggiero has chosen an interesting topic from the sphere of comparative education. The system of governance of higher education institutions is different in France and USA. Why and which consequences it has? These were the questions he was touching in his work.

The historical development is well described, as well the typologies. The four case studies give many interesting details. The main problem of the thesis is that they stayed in the half of the way. If we want to understand a subject, we should try to see it from all different angles. The curriculum aspect is missing but what I find as main deficit is the missing financial angle. I could bring forward a competing a hypothesis that amount of financial resources and the financial mechanisms themselves could explain more of the differences than the insight in the historical development. To complete the whole picture remains as a challenge for Christopher Ruggiero for his future work.

I recommend the Master's Thesis of Christopher Ruggiero to be classified as Very Good.

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