

Adviser Evaluation
Of the Bachelor's Thesis
Corruption in International Context
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The aim of the thesis is to study the value aspects of corruption by exploring the relation between the prevalence of the ten selected human values on one side and perceived levels of corruption in selected countries. The author organizes thesis as follows. She starts with the discussion of existing definitions of corruption, types of corruption and ways to measure it. She continues with description of most frequently used ways to study human values and discusses the suitability of the latter in explaining corruptive practices. The next chapter analyses the existing literature on the relationship between human values and corruption and formulates the hypotheses to be tested.

Empirical part of the paper describes the data, methods, and presents the results. In discussion section the author discusses the results and provides her idea about the degree of applicability of results derived from the quality of her research. The last chapter concludes.

The reduced and revised version of the thesis was submitted for publication in "Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences" included in SCOPUS database.

Positive aspects of the thesis include

- Structure of the paper is in line with classical structure of empirical research.
- Hypotheses are well formulated and are testable
- Empirical part is well managed and presented
- The author presents the results of two methodological approaches

Aspects that can be improved include

- The relation between human values and culture in studies presented is not exactly clear. Why some values are called cultural and the other not.
- The link between the Schwartz dimensional model and the values presented in empirical part is not well defined and described.
- The differences in results of two statistical methods are still to be explained.

The paper fulfills all the requirements of bachelor's thesis. The suggested grade ranges from very good to excellent depending on the defense.

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