

**The Department of Historical Sociology  
The Faculty of Humanities, Charles University Prague  
Opponent's Diploma Thesis Evaluation**

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**Title:** Saudi Women's Role in Development of Society  
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**1. The Extent of Diploma Thesis**

1.1 The number of total pages (without attachments)	105
1.2 Number of pages of attachments	0
1.3 Number of titles listed in the bibliography	54

**2. The Form and Style**

2.1. Language level , spelling, style, professional language)	2
2.2 Work with literature and sources (quotations, paraphrases, adherence to ISO 690, the theoretical background of the author)	4
2.3 The Formal Level of the Thesis (division into chapters, notes, attachments, graphics, etc.)	4
2.4 The adequacy of resources used and the data	3

**3.The Conception and Methods**

3.1 The adequacy of the methods of work	3
3.2 The use of empirical research methods	4
3.3 The use of practical methods	3
3.4 Use of analytical methods	-

**4. The Material Evaluation of the Thesis**

4.1 The author's approach to solving the given issue (initiative, self-reliance, communication with the supervisor, originality)	4
4.2 The Fulfillment of the Goals of the Project	3
4.3 The balance of theoretical and practical parts	
Mutual continuity of individual chapters and subchapters	4
4.4 Achievements, professional benefit	4
4.5 Presentation of conclusions	4
4.6 Applicability of work in practice, or other professional activities	2

**5.The Questions and topics for discussion at the defense**

1. The interviews, data and interpretation. How were interviews done, can we see the transcripts? How is possible to analyze data from interviews?
2. Could you posit you diploma thesis into the context of theories of social change (Sztompka).
3. The difference between scientific writing and journalist writing.

## 6. Total Ratings

### 6.1 Verbal assessment of the overall level of work

1. Mrs. Sabra Naji Alshahrani presents to the defense the second version of diploma thesis, based on revision of the master thesis refuted in 16. 06. 2015. The reworked version was put into the SIS (The Student Information System) 14.07. 2015. The comparison of two texts by computer text analysis systems (<https://www.diffchecker.com>) **shows, that there are only minor formal changes in comparison with the first version. (approximately only 10 paragraphs added).**
2. Mr. Černý, opponent of the first version suggested to posit the Diploma thesis into the following context:
  - a. general theories of social change or development (see for example Sztompka: Sociology of social change, 1994),
  - b. sociological theories of gender focusing on the role of women in the Middle Eastern societies,
  - c. descriptive papers and studies dealing with the issue of the development of the Middle East – for example, there must be cited several studies of the key series “Arab Development Report” (2002-2007) written by Arab experts, several of them focus exclusively on the role of women in the development which is the topic of the MT
  - d. approaches of contemporary Islamic feminism (see for example Amina Wadud: “Inside the Gender Jihad”, 2007)

**We can easily conclude that Mrs. Sabra Alshahrani did not accepted any opponents suggestion and did not react on his previous critique in any way, except adding some paragraphs about Methodology(pages 10-11).**

3. The Diploma thesis suffers from serious deficiencies concerning the notes, quotations and another formal aspects of scientific work. The main problems are:
  - a. Bibliography list (p 102) is not in alphabetical order, its form does not respect the formal demands, the place of publishing is not given.
  - b. The quotations in the text does not have the same form.
  - c. The sources of data in the tables are not given: (p. 66, 67, 68)
  - d. Many sources in bibliography are not quoted in text. For example: Zubaidy 2007, Alwabel 2008, Haddad Yazbek Esposito 1998 etc.
  - e. The whole pages are without any reference on the source of information.
4. **The results of internet interviews are presented in dubious way. This Chapter 5,3 is collage of quotations from interview, there is no interpretation or analysis. The interviewed persons are not introduced, presented, chapter lacks consistency.**

### 6.2 Recommendations for defense work:

**NO**

### 6.3 Proposed Classification:

**I do not recommend the given diploma thesis for defence.** I suggest following:

1. Reworking of diploma thesis in the sense of previous assessment of Karel Černý
2. I recommend the creation of professional formal apparatus, quotations in ISO 690 or any another professional style, notes, sourcing the information, bibliography in alphabetical order.

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Date: 9. September 2015

Signature Mgr. Marek Německý, Ph.D.