



Reader's Report on Doctoral Thesis

Study program: International Territorial Studies

Field of study: International Relations

Student: George W.S. Hays II

Thesis title: American "Foreign Policy" in Film.

Reader: Petr Suchý

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Commentary on structure of the dissertation. The thesis is structured appropriately and in logical terms. The author provides clear outline of issues he intends to study and analyze. The introduction constitutes a meaningful point of departure and adequately presents the goals of the thesis.

The second chapter focuses on methodology and theory and in a very elaborate way sets the framework and develops the argument for following analysis. The author presents his aim „to provide an alternative analysis of American national identity using “Campbell’s premises.” When doing so he very well adjusts Campbell’s premises to his own needs and also outlines their limits. He skillfully adjusts all applied methodologies so that they are well applicable.

The selection of movies is also well thought through, explained to the reader and adheres to the logic as outlined before.

In my opinion the author has edited the text adequately and reflected all recommendations that were given to him in the previous round of defense. The text is very readable and thought provoking. His argumentation is clear and well explained.

The conclusions of the thesis are sound, well done and very interesting. They are drawn from the logic of the thesis and provide a useful summary of the argument.

The student has proved creative abilities in the relevant field of research.

The student's work does meet the required standard of a doctoral thesis. I propose to evaluate it as excellent.

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