



POSUDEK VEDOUcíHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura (dvouoborové studium)**

Název práce: **The Fellowship of the Ring as a Social Group**

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Short characteristics of the thesis

Pavla Konrádová's thesis offers a sociological reading of the *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien. The thesis starts with a sociological introduction to the concept of a social group and its inner processes (Chapter 1), moving onto the discussion of the five races in the *Lord of the Rings* (Chapter 2), members of the Fellowship (Chapter 3) and its evolution (Chapter 4). The main points of the analysis are summed up in the Conclusion (Chapter 5).

Overall assessment

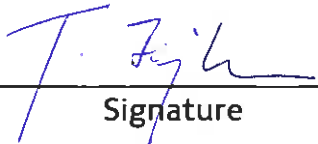
The idea of the thesis is original, the text is well-researched and written in decent English. The overall structure of the thesis and the line of argument are easy to follow and interesting to read. It is clear that the author spent a fair amount of time with the preparation of the thesis. The main body of the text offers an interesting analysis of the inner dynamics of the different social groups in the novel and may contribute to our understanding of this foundational work.

It is not my role to list all the shortcomings of the text, but the main reservation I have is that the author sometimes spends far too much time retelling the story in order to contextualize her analysis. Although certain details of the plot line need to be elucidated to arrive at some of the conclusions, the proportion of the "plot line" in relation to the analytical parts seems somewhat imbalanced. Moreover, a clearer focus on the essential points would help clarify some of the major points of the analysis better. Indeed, the reader may at times feel a bit lost in the long passages retelling some of the minute details of the plot line.

Nevertheless, Pavla's thesis fulfils all the main expectations and requirements for a B.A. thesis and I happily recommend it for defence.

Suggested grade: **very good (velmi dobře).**

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