

Review of Master work supervisor

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Qualification Work Title	The Problem of Regional Identity in Vorpommern
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Thesis evaluation

1. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0

Note: There is good theoretical insight in the thesis, theory based approach and categories which are used latter on in assessment of the region Vorpommern and case study the project Zukunftsstadt.

2. Fulfillment of objectives 1.5

Note: "The aim of this thesis is to determine the mutual influences between regional identity and a regional development project". The aim has been fulfilled.

3. Methodological approach 1.0

Note: Author analyzed terms region, important category Heimat in German culture and history, identity, regional identity, the regional identity theory by Finnish geographer Anssi Paasi. It gives her real scientific basis.

4. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.0

Note: I see potential of the thesis in terms of practical implementation as well contribution to theory of identification on regional level.

5. Handling of literature 1.0

Note: We are witness of careful processing of work in the whole theses, speaking about the citations, references, maps, tables and well as language level

6. Formal aspects 1.0

Note: See part 5.

7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 1.5

Note: Problem of regional identity and regional consciousness in case study shows the importance of this categories in terms of acceptance the participatory regional development project.

8. Monitoring for plagiarism (result) **negative**

Conclusion

Thesis evaluation (note): **excellent**

I recommend the thesis for defence: **YES**

Questions and comments

Critical comments and overall contributions, total value of the thesis

The Problem of Regional Identity in Vorpommern. A Case-Study on the Impact of a Regional

Development. Project on Regional Identity. In the title of the thesis are key categories and well problem of their interrelationships. No doubt, the problem of regional identity (and how to encourage it) is the crucial question of many regional development project, characterized by typical bottom-up approach. The analyses requires good theoretical background as well as experiences with field research. I am sure, both of them was fulfilled in this thesis.

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There is underlying structure of the thesis based on categories, culture – nature – society and as a common space and time for nature and society is used the term landscape. It is good and modern methodological approach, not mentioned by author, but clear visible in both parts of the thesis.

Through this approach is organized chapter History, Present of the Vorpommern region, and Land area development program.

I appreciate careful processing of categories in case study. It is usually weak point of qualitative approach, but not in this case. Just on contrary – it allows authors application of Anssi Paasi theory on the case in terms of regional identity and consciousness.

Results shows the importance of this categories in terms of acceptance the participatory regional development project.

“The regional consciousness as well as the identity of the region influence all stages of the project cycle”. (p. 63.). In this case, the crucial question is “how to do it” not only “what to do”.

We are witness of careful processing of work in the whole thesis, speaking about the citations, references, maps, tables and well as language level. Organic part (in printed version is Impression of Peennatal/Loitz. Not only good quality of pictures, but the text – quotations of stakeholders - conveys the atmosphere of the tourists not yet discovered region.

Critical points:

“The aim of this thesis is to determine the mutual influences between regional identity and a regional development project”. A little bit by the way mentioned aim of the thesis is on the page 42. It is better to put it into introduction - why and what I am writing about?

Chapter Discussion is very interesting, unfortunately the analyses of category Heimat, local and region level of identification is very brief.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

Q:

Can we say on the results of the thesis that project Zukunftsstadt brings something new in Vorpommern region? Does it encourage regional identity?

Is there something unexpected in habitants perception of the project Zukunftsstadt?

What about practical applications of your thesis in terms of municipality or stakeholders?

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Signature of supervisor