

# Review of Master work reviewer

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<b>Qualification Work Title</b>	Changes in European landscapes. What are driving forces of the changes in European landscapes?
<b>Name and Type of Study Programme</b>	Regional and European Project Management / Navazující
<b>Faculty / Department</b>	Ekonomická fakulta / KRM
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<b>Reviewer</b>	Prof. Dr. Thomas Johnen

## Thesis evaluation

1. Importance and difficulty of the topic 1.0

**Note:** The subject is a case study of the Czech town Postoloprty which is very relevant in order to understand the interrelationship between attitudes of the population and regional development.

2. Logical structure of the thesis 1.5

**Note:** The methodological framework is very well chosen (triangulation of quantitative and qualitative methods). All necessary basic notions are well explained and discussed.

3. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0

**Note:** The research question in this Master's thesis is well answered.

4. Methodological approach 1.5

**Note:** The methodological approach (quantitative questionnaire about the identification of the population with Postoloprty and qualitative interviews with stakeholders of the town's political and cultural life) is well chosen

5. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.5

**Note:** The contextualisation of the subject is very well succeeded. Especially the open questions in the questionnaire deliver very interesting insights (which could have been more explored).

6. Handling of literature 1.5

**Note:** The bibliography consists of relevant, mostly very recent studies in Czech and English which are well presented. The bibliography in general observe the norms for scientific papers.

7. Formal aspects 1.5

**Note:** The thesis is well written with regard to most of the formal aspects. There are only a few mistakes, not more than it would be acceptable for a scientific paper which is submitted for publication.

## 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 subject is a case study of the Czech town Postoloprty which is very relevant in order to understand the interrelationship between attitudes of the population and regional development. This thesis contributes to a deeper understanding of the attitudes of the local population towards her town in the analysed town of Postoloprty.

The methodological framework is very well chosen (triangulation of quantitative and qualitative methods). All necessary basic notions are well explained and discussed. However, these discussions are based sometimes only on one single author.

The contextualisation of the subject is very well succeeded. Especially the open questions in the questionnaire deliver very interesting insights (which could have been more explored). The result of the interviews with the cultural and political stakeholders complete the whole picture in a very reasonable way.

The thesis is well written with regard to most of the formal aspects. There are only a few mistakes, not more than it would be acceptable for a scientific paper which is submitted for publication. The illustrations are generally well placed. An explanatory map in the introduction should have been helpful for readers who are not familiar with the region. However, there are some mismatches between the numbers of the questions of the questionnaire in the part of the analysis (p.51-p.53) and the numbers of the questions in the questionnaire itself (p.73-74). The bibliography consists of relevant, mostly very recent studies in Czech and English and German which are well presented. The bibliography in general observe the norms for scientific papers. The division between printed and online literature (including scientific online reviews) is a bit confusing.

The main merit of this thesis is in my opinion to have presented a case study which delivers very interesting insights in the views of the population and cultural and political stakeholders of the chosen town of Postoloprty.

These kind of case studies are important in order to be able to plan regional development projects which consider the attitudes and expectations of the concerned population in its projects.

## **Questions and topics for discussion before the commission**

Question 1: Which of your results were the most unexpected? Why?

Question 2: Which aspects of the results of the quantitative research you would chose for qualitative interviews, if you had the possibility to conduct such interviews with all respondents?

Question 3: Could you explain the meaning of the words "more" and "jaj" you mention on p. 47 and why just these words are seen as local expressions?

Question 4: What are in your opinion the insights of your thesis which could be relevant for regional development in the Euroregion Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří?

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Signature of reviewer