

Review of Master work supervisor

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Qualification Work Title	Migration and Regional Identity (Sorbs)
Name and Type of Study Programme	Regional and European Project Management / Navazující
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Thesis evaluation

- 1. Logical structure of the thesis 1.0
Note: All basic terms as "identity", "region", "minority languages" and others were defined from a critical perspective. The research question was clearly formulated and answered in detail. The research topic is of great relevance.
- 2. Fulfillment of objectives 1.0
Note: The research question was answered in detail. The results are based on a qualitative research which has been carried out in a very careful and transparent manner. The discussion leads to further important questions.
- 3. Methodological approach 2.0
Note: The challenge of analysing interviews in three languages was mastered very well. This includes also the transcription. The author explains that the topics emerge from the interv. The step from the topics to the categories is not clear.
- 4. Assessment of theoretical and/or practical contribution of the thesis 1.0
Note: The thesis contributes to research on the situation of linguistic minorities in Europe. It gives an important inside view into the relation between Sorbs, Czechs and Poles.
- 5. Handling of literature 1.0
Note: The literature is up to date and relevant. Specific literature on the main question of this theses does not exist.
- 6. Formal aspects 1.0
Note: The thesis is written in English and in an excellent scientific style. The formal apparatus is correct. This includes the layout and the list of references.
- 7. Student's own contribution to the studied problems 1.0
Note: The student was able to approach a completely new research topic in a very sensitive way under the difficult conditions of the corona pandemic. The student implemented a multi-perspective approach which led to differentiated results.
- 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 research was conducted under very difficult conditions. The student was able to overcome all the difficulties and to give a very interesting inside view in the relationship between Sorbs, Czechs and Poles. The study raises very important questions about the survival of the Sorbs as a cultural and linguistic minority in a very complex german-czech-polish border region.

Questions and topics for discussion before the commission

On page 35 you explain that "several topics emerged" from the data. How did you proceed to develop your categories from these topics?

Why does the image of a minority culture play such an important role? Please give some examples.

The culture of the Sorbs seems to be considered old-fashioned. Is it possible to change the image of a regional culture? Do you know methods or strategies which could be successful.

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Signature of supervisor