



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **uCJL - uAJL**

Název práce: **Adjective position in Old English and Middle English homilies and sermons**

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Quality of Research

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

1. The topic of the thesis is suitable for the scope and well defined: 3
2. Sets clear goals or questions for research: 3
3. Delivers significant research findings: 2
4. Demonstrates conceptual clarity and accuracy: 2
5. Demonstrates a good understanding of the linguistic work(s) discussed: 3
6. Demonstrates a good understanding of the critical field: 3
7. Engages with sufficient scholarship in a meaningful way: 3
8. Shows independent thinking and originality: 3

2) Comment shortly on the quality of the research presented in the thesis:

The thesis presents a very important topic discussed within the field of historical linguistics. The theoretical framework is based on relevant secondary literature, which the author understands and interprets very well. Of these sources, the most relevant for the research part of the thesis was the work of Olga Fischer. The author applies Fischer's findings and classification on the corpus of Old English (OE) and Middle English (ME) homilies and sermons and demonstrates changes in the position of adjectives in the OE and ME noun phrase.

Quality of Writing

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

1. Has a clear and suitable structure: 3
2. Employs appropriate register and academic style: 3
3. Uses correct and relevant terminology: 2
4. Adheres to academic thesis guidelines, format and MLA style guide: 3
5. Written in correct and fluent English (both grammar and vocabulary): 3
6. Carefully edited with few typos or mistakes: 3

2) Comment shortly on the quality of the writing presented in the thesis:



The thesis has a clear and logical structure. It is very well written, the text flows smoothly. The thesis employs appropriate register and adheres to the standards of academic writing. The level of English is very good with only occasional errors.

Overall Review and Assessment

(short description of the thesis and its findings, what has been achieved, and areas for improvement)

The research findings presented in the thesis are in line with the previous studies on this topic, even though they are based on a different corpus. They prove that Old English rules concerning adjective position in the noun phrase are still partly present, but, at the same time, these rules are gradually less efficient due to the substantial changes in morphological development during the Middle English period. This, of course, has also implications for the information structure of the texts.

I would like to appreciate that the author has selected a topic from the history of English, which is not a usual choice and goes beyond the traditional topics of Master's thesis at our department. The position of adjectives in the OE and ME noun phrase is a very interesting topic, but, at the same time, it is very difficult to deal with. The author has proved their ability to work with original OE and ME texts, analyse them in terms of the structure of the noun phrase and draw valid conclusions from the analysis.

Questions for Defence

(please provide two questions for the student to answer during their defence)

1. Is the development of adjective position in OE and ME somehow reflected in the structure of the Present-Day English noun phrase?
2. Are your research findings (or may your research findings be) affected by the analysed genre?

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **v ý b o r n ě**

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