



POSUDEK OPONENTA BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura**

Název práce: **A critical review of literature discussing gender correctness in the English and Czech languages**

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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)

The topic of the thesis is suitable for the scope and well defined: 2

Sets clear goals or questions for research: 2

Demonstrates conceptual clarity and accuracy: 2

Demonstrates a good understanding of the linguistic work(s) discussed: 3

Engages with the subject critically and analytically: 3

Uses relevant scholarship meaningfully: 2

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

The topic of the present thesis is interesting and widely discussed also beyond the field of gender linguistics. It is well defined, and all the main points are addressed appropriately. From the discussion and argumentation presented in the thesis it is obvious that the author studied the relevant literature in detail. Based on this she then tried to take her own critical position on the issue.

Quality of Writing

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

Has a clear and suitable structure: 3

Employs appropriate register and academic style: 3

Uses correct and relevant terminology: 2

Adheres to academic thesis guidelines, format and MLA style guide: 3

Written in correct and fluent English (both grammar and vocabulary): 2

Carefully edited with few typos or mistakes: 2

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

The thesis has a clear and logical structure. It is written in good English and follows appropriate academic style. However, terminology is not always clear and sometimes it is not explained sufficiently. On a few occasions, the sentences could have been worded more precisely. At times, the author should have avoided using redundant expressions and repetitive constructions.



Overall Review and Assessment

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

Overall, the thesis is interesting and well organized. However, I would appreciate a clearer formulation of objectives and research questions.

The overview of literature dealing with the topic of gender correctness presented in the thesis is quite exhaustive. The author explains the contribution the quoted scholars have made in the field of gender linguistics and their position regarding gender correctness, which is valuable. What I miss is giving very specific examples that the linguists in question suggest of how to express oneself properly when it comes to gender correctness.

Even though I know that the topic of gender correctness is interdisciplinary, which is also clearly stated in the thesis, I find some author's interpretations linguistically unfounded (e.g., section 4.1.7), and too subjective, for example, when discussing gender stereotypes in the media (pp. 35-36).

To sum up, the thesis is a welcome contribution to the discussion concerning gender correctness. It meets the BA thesis requirements and, therefore, I recommend it for defence.

Questions for Defence

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

1. Section 4.1.5 is devoted to feminine surnames with inflection. What is your opinion, as a proponent of gender correct language, to the use of -ová suffix in Czech?
2. In section 4.1.6 you state that "gender correctness is important in schools and other educational institutions" (p. 41). Why do you think so and how can gender-balanced teaching be achieved?

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace:

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