

POSUDEK BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Jméno a příjmení studenta: Adam Hemr

Název bakalářské práce: Britain's Relations with Germany in the 1930s

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I. Cíl práce a jeho naplnění:

1. Cíl práce byl stanoven a naplněn v souladu s tématem
2. Cíl práce byl naplněn s drobnými nedostatky
3. Cíl práce byl adekvátní, ale jen částečně naplněný
4. Stanovený cíl nebyl naplněn

II. Struktura práce:

1. Logická, jasná a přehledná
2. Přiměřená
3. Uspokojivá
4. Nevhodná

III. Práce s literaturou:

1. Výborná: zvoleny a použity vhodné prameny v patřičném rozsahu
2. ~~Velmi dobrá práce s adekvátními prameny v patřičném rozsahu~~
3. ~~Průměrná práce s literaturou~~
4. ~~Slabá, chybná nebo nedostačující~~

IV. Formální stránka:

1. Odpovídá všem stanoveným požadavkům
2. ~~Obsahuje drobné formální chyby~~
3. ~~Nesplňuje některé zásadní požadavky~~
4. ~~Nesplňuje většinu stanovených požadavků~~

VI. Jazyková úroveň práce:

1. Výborná
2. ~~Velmi dobrá~~
3. ~~Dobrá~~
4. ~~Podprůměrná~~

VII. Náročnost zpracování tématu:

1. ~~Velmi vysoká~~
2. ~~Vysoká~~
3. ~~Střední~~
4. ~~Nízká~~

Vyjádření vedoucí bakalářské práce:

The bachelor thesis discusses Britain's relations with Germany in the decade running up to the Second World War. To understand Britain's stance during this period, Adam Hemr looks back at the 1920s and the implications of the Versailles Agreement, which is deemed partly responsible for the power disbalances and international tensions leading to a new war. He also pays attention to the power shifts in domestic politics in the 1920s and shows that both the dominant political will and the post-war public mood were already directed towards appeasement. The discussion of Britain's struggle to strike a balanced approach to Germany after Hitler's ascent to power addresses both domestic and international developments, such as the Great Depression, the Spanish Civil War, or Italy's territorial aggression in Abyssinia. The remilitarisation of Rhineland is mentioned as a major milestone, nevertheless, the notion of its being a wasted deterrence opportunity is questioned. Among others, Mr Hemr describes Chamberlain's meetings with Hitler, noticing the imbalance in the negotiations epitomised by the British Prime Minister's travelling to meet the German Chancellor, and never vice versa. Based on his research of contemporary press at the time of the Munich Conference, Mr Hemr argues that despite notable opposition in political circles, Chamberlain's appeasement policy had an overwhelming public support in Britain. In the Conclusion, the author defends appeasement as the only possible path to take under the then prevailing circumstances, particularly in terms of political viability, military preparedness, and state of intelligence.

The thesis is well researched and demonstrates the author's ability to critically assess secondary information and ask relevant questions. The text is written in excellent English, with occasional minor punctuation and spelling issues, and some morphological inaccuracies. While Mr Hemr's online research in the British Newspaper Archive has certainly paid off in his gaining insight into the historical events, more examples of period reporting and published opinion could have provided additional authentic evidence to support his argument.

Práce splňuje základní požadavky kladené na tento typ prací, a proto ji doporučuji k ústní obhajobě.

Navrhovaná známka: výborně

Otázky k obhajobě:

1. Can you define the term "Great Power mindset" in relation to Great Britain as used in your thesis?
2. You seem to agree with Taylor and Parker (and Ellinger) challenging the view of the Rhineland Crisis as possibly the last chance to curb Hitler's expansionist ambitions and prevent war. Was there, in your view, any such turning point, or a time when a major military conflict was still preventable?
3. Do you think that a greater involvement of America, or its increased visibility as Britain's ally, may have had a deterring effect on Hitler and his strategists?

Podpis vedoucího bakalářské práce:

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