

Name of the student:	Gayane Gevorgyan
Title of the thesis:	Civil Society Organisations as Agents of Europeanisation in Armenia
Reviewer:	Dr. Grzegorz Pożarlik

**1. KNOWLEDGE AND CONNECTION TO THE FIELD**

(relevance of the research question, research objective, literature review):

	The topic of the thesis had been presented and explained clearly and consistently. The author managed to explain correlation between the EU promoting democracy in its neighbourhood and civic engagement of Armenian youth. Objectives of the thesis had been accomplished. Wide selection of sources had been selected and applied in a relevant way.

**2. ANALYSIS**

(methodology, argument, theoretical backing, appropriate work with sources):

	Application of comprehensive content analysis of both the EU programmes regarding promotion of democracy in the Eastern neighbourhood and scholarly discourse dealing with civil society engagement in participatory democracy suits well the formulated research problem.
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**3. CONCLUSIONS**

(persuasiveness, link between data and conclusions, achievement of research objectives):

	Pretty sharp and analytical thesis. The conclusion is consistent with the initial hypothesis.
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**4. FORMAL ASPECTS AND LANGUAGE**

(appropriate language, adherence to academic standards, citation style, layout):

	The quality of writing process meets standard of the MA thesis. Footnotes, referencing and bibliography are correct and complete.
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**5. SUMMARY ASSESSMENT**

(strong and weak point of the dissertation, other issues)

	It needs to be emphasised that the author managed to keep the balance between scholarly state-of-the-art on civil society engagement in participatory democracy and empirical analysis of the effectiveness of the EU programmes aiming at promoting democracy in the Eastern neighbourhood as exemplified in the case study of Armenian youth civic engagement programmes.
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<b>Grade (A-F):</b>	A
Date:	Signature: Dr Grzegorz Pożarlik

12 June 2019	
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Questions for oral defence:

1/ Please explain correlation between civil society and participatory democracy

2/ Please explain major aims of the EU promotion of democracy in its Eastern neighbourhood

3/ Please assess whether the EU has been successful in accelerating civic engagement of Armenian youth in participatory democracy