

**CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE**  
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**PROTOCOL ON DIPLOMA THESIS ASSESSMENT**  
**(Reviewer)**

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**Attitudes Towards Free Movement of Workers from the Perspective of Welfare Regimes**

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Reviewer:

**1. TOPIC AND OBJECTIVE (short information on the thesis, research objective):**

The MA thesis focus on different types of welfare systems in the EU countries (one former member state) and their attitude towards institutions and public opinions vis-à-vis the free movement of people from the member states of the EU.

The main aim of the research is to study if the classification of welfare systems (conservative, liberal, social democratic and Southern European) can serve as an explanation of differences in public opinion in given countries to the internal free movement of labour.

**2. CONTENT (complexity, original approach, argument, structure, theoretical and methodological backing, work with sources, appropriateness of annexes etc.):**

The thesis is very well structured. The focus of the research is clearly stated, well organized. The approach is original. The author presented the topic well in the introduction. In the State of Art chapter, she introduced welfare regimes, immigration and welfare, freedom of movement and welfare benefits. The four case studies and eight countries models are introduced.

A special part is dealing with the attitudes towards free movement of people. The author came to the conclusion that the belonging to one of the groups does guarantee automatically identical approaches towards the topic.

The thesis is based in institutional theory considering the universality of the welfare state, economic inequalities, and job opportunities. The work is grounded in Larson's institutional Logic of welfare analysis. Besides Esping – Anderson's theories of three basic welfare types a new type of Southern European (Gal) system is introduced. The thesis uses the comparative method and comparison of six states which represent four types of welfare systems.

The thesis is based on excellent research of primary and secondary sources. It can be useful to separate them in the list. A great number of tables from Eurostat or OECD are used to illustrate the cases. The author put her own assumptions into the tables to prove her results and show that the four types are not a guarantee for generalization for the attitudes towards the free movement of people in the EU.

**3. FORMAL ASPECTS AND LANGUAGE (quality of language, citation style, graphics, formal aspects etc.):**

The language, citation style, graphics as well as formal aspects have a very good quality.

**4. STATEMENT ON THE ORIGINALITY OF THE THESIS**

The thesis was checked by the Turnitin/URKUND/Theses anti-plagiarism software and .... With negative results. The thesis is original.

**5. SHORT COMMENTS BY THE REVIEWER (overall impression, strengths and weaknesses, originality of ideas, achievement of the research objective etc.):**

The overall impression is very positive. The author is well orientated in the research work, the argument is clear, very good work with the primary and secondary sources, independent and original conclusions.

**6. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED DURING THE DEFENCE:**

It is obvious that there are other independent variables which play important role besides belonging to one of four stated welfare models. Could you explain what would help better understanding of the attitudes at the selected case studies?

**7. (NON-)RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED GRADE:**

**YES – A** (on A-F scale)

Date: June 14, 2022

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