



Posudek na diplomovou práci

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Název práce: Strategic Narratives in Sino-European Relations

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Kritéria	Definice	Max. bodů	Získané body
Hlavní kritéria			
	Výzkumná otázka, formulace problému	10	8
	Teoretický konceptuální rámec	30	27
	Metodologie, analýza argumentace	40	37
<i>Celkem</i>		80	72
Vedlejší kritéria			
	Zdroje	10	10
	Styl	5	5
	Formální kritéria	5	5
<i>Celkem</i>		20	20
CELKEM		100	92



Slovní hodnocení:

Hlavní kritéria: The thesis has a clear analytical structure and logic and is based on a theoretically-driven examination of primary sources (documents). The theoretical and methodological framework is carefully explained. The strongest aspect of the whole thesis is arguably connected with the author's meticulous analysis of the primary documents based on the complementary usage of content and narrative analysis.

That being said, the thesis has not reached its full potential. First, the research ambition could have been targeted even more clearly. What is it that the thesis wants to understand through the analysis of documents and narratives (EU's identity, EU's potential to act as a great-power actor, effectiveness of EU's policies, visions of EU's international role etc.)? Second, the concluding comments seem to be correct, but the author struggled a little bit to find the final argument, which would help define her original and unique academic contribution. This is probably connected to the previous point. Third, I feel that the narrative analysis could have been a bit more explicit about how individual narratives hang together through their key aspects (actors, plot, setting).

However, these critical comments are minor in the context of the whole thesis. To some extent, they are indications not of more significant deficiencies but rather success in terms of conducting a very solid analysis that could have reached an even higher ceiling.

Vedlejší kritéria: The thesis is well prepared as regards the formal criteria. It is also very well embedded in the existing academic literature.

Vyjádření k plagiariismu: No plagiarism detected. The student consulted with me on a regular basis.

Celkové hodnocení: Overall, this is a very well-developed and mature Master's thesis. Although there is still some room for improvement, I believe the thesis should be assessed as "excellent" (A).

Výsledná známka: A

Podpis:

Aleš Karmazin (In Prague, 15 January 2024)