

OPPONENT'S OPINION OF BACHELOR THESIS

Study programme:	International Territorial Studies
Department:	Department of Social Development (FRDIS)
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Name of thesis:	The influence of Islam on the integration of Muslims into Czech society
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TYPE OF DIPLOMA WORK: applied

ASSESSMENT OF THESIS: (always add verbal comments)

1. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT:

The thesis answers the research question on the influence of islam on the integration into the Czech society. Moreover, it answers influence of other factors, such as gender or age.

2. WORK WITH ACADEMIC LITERATURE:

The author worked with a wide range of various academic sources.

3. CONTENT LEVEL OF WORK:

The thesis follows clear logical structure. In the theoretical part, chapter 3 on islam in general is a little redundant in relation to the studied research question. I would have rather welcomed a more detailed theoretical discussion on the various approaches to integration and the influence of religion on integration.

Empirical research conducted by the author is an interesting addition to the ongoing discussions about the challenges of muslim integration into Czech Republic and European societies in general, even though due to the natural constraints and inavailability of resources, results are not representative and can not be generalizaed.

I appreciate, that author used statistical test (chi-squared test) in addition to descriptive statistics, even though neither hypothesis was confirmed - it is still a result. The most interesting part of the research is the overview of the open ended questions (p. 55). If the author wants to continue with this topic for her master's thesis, I would suggest using a qualitative approach and trying to uncover some deeper patterns of muslim integration and its challenges.

4. FORMAL LAYOUT:

The presented thesis meets the scope, grammar and stylistic criteria of the bachelor thesis.

SPECIFIC REMARKS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE THESIS:

1. Do you think that you would have gotten different results, if you were able to distribute the written questionnaires? If yes, what would be the main differences?
2. Do you have any theoretical basis for your hypothesis, that religiosity has influence on the integration process?
3. Do you think, that there is a difference in the integration chances when it comes to different islamic schools and movements?
4. Which strand of islam is the most prevailing one in the Czech Republic?

DEFENSE OF THESIS: recommended

FINAL CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL: A

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