

## **BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS ADVISOR**

**Thesis topic:** Slovakia: Materialism: The Case of Post-Communist Slovakia

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**Study program:** Political Science, Liberal Arts

*Evaluation contains objective and critical analysis of a bachelor thesis proposal. Evaluation should be considered by the following criteria:*

Criteria for the evaluation of the final thesis	Max. points	Points given by evaluator
1. Methodological aspect (logical frame, process of inquiry, topic specification, how realistic are set goals and how adequate are proposed working methods)	10	8
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, Familiarity with relevant literature	15	13
3. Formatting and style	15	14
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	5
5. Systematic approach	15	13
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>

**Final evaluation:** A (90-100 points), B (80-89 points), C (70-79 points), D (60-69 points), E (50-59 points), Fx(<49 points)

### **Evaluation, comments, recommendations of the thesis advisor:**

First, I appreciate Silvia's progress as a student because she has very strong opinions about ecological topics. Initially, she had a much stronger position about values that often did not reflect different factors and positions present in a modern, diverse society. She worked her way through the topic of materialism and post-materialistic values and wrestled even with opposing views, attempting to incorporate them. However, there are things the thesis should have mentioned, such as the issue of consumerism (as originally intended) and how it is connected with the evolution of post-materialism. Silvia's primary theory is Inglehart's theory of post-materialistic values, which is the most developed concept when discussing the ecological transformation from materialistic values to post-materialistic ones.

As an advisor, I was satisfied with Silvia's work, as is expected of an advisor. I made some critical remarks about Inglehart's approach, as I find it idealistic from an economic standpoint. I believe Silvia understood these well and tried to address them in her thesis. However, I am not as happy with implementing certain remarks, as the thesis seems a bit rushed and not polished at certain parts. This is most likely the result of not having a strict writing schedule.

Although I may not fully agree with the content of the thesis, as it should be in academic discourse, I think that Silvia's idea to simplify the data from different surveys and make them easier to read is a commendable effort. She primarily demonstrated the position of materialistic values in the case of Slovakia. Slovakia was a very good choice as many people, according to Inglehart's theory, still fall under the category of materialistic values.

I appreciate Silvia's work on the topic and thesis. However, I feel she could have spent a little more time developing her main text. The thesis is a bit rushed at certain parts, and therefore, the meaning is lost on the reader. I believe the implementation of consumerism would have helped a lot with the development of her thesis and better explained her main hypothesis.

**I recommend – ~~do not recommend~~ this thesis toward bachelor thesis defense in June 2024.**

In Bratislava, on: 22.5.2024



Signature of evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_