

BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS ADVISOR

Thesis topic: Kierkegaard's Conception of Faith: Response to Individual Secularization

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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	9
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, Familiarity with relevant literature	15	14
3. Formatting and style	15	14
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	5
5. Systematic approach	15	14
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	38
Total	100	94

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:

Petar's thesis on Kierkegaard's idea of faith as an answer to individual secularization is a very interesting piece of work for various reasons. Petar has put a lot of thought into the ideas of faith, religion, and secularization and described their unique position in society and within individuals. This is crucial as we often believe that faith is even political. Petar, however, demonstrates otherwise. The thesis serves as a reminder that not all questions, especially those about meaning, existence, purpose, or the good life, can be answered via standard scientific methods but instead need a more philosophical approach. Often, it is not even in the interest of specific fields of science (such as psychology) to provide such answers; instead, we need to think about these questions more individually. Petar captures the essence of faith and argues why it is an essential aspect of a person's existence. Despite not being religious, it is extremely important to discuss the idea of meaning, faith, belief, and others as an essential aspect of everyone's life. Petar's defense of religion and faith is thorough and well thought out. He bases his understanding on Kierkegaard's explanation of faith. Later, he connected his reasoning with meaning-oriented therapy (logotherapy), which Viktor Frankl proposed. This is quite a crucial moment in Petar's thesis as Frankl argues that religion, faith, belief, and meaning play a significant role on an individual level, and science cannot provide a clear answer for these. Overall, I rate Petar's thesis very positively; Petar worked hard and read much of the

literature on the topic. Although, as with every thesis, there are little things to criticize, given that the scope of the thesis is limited due to being a bachelor's thesis, I cannot complain too much.

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

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Signature of evaluator: _____