

BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS OPPONENT

Thesis topic: GKV-IPReG: A Law in the Interest of Patients?

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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	5
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, familiarity with relevant literature	15	9
3. Formatting and style	15	13
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	3
5. Systematic approach	15	8
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	23
Total	100	61

Final evaluation: A (95-100 points), B (83-94 points), C (68-82 points), D (55-67 points), E (50-54 points), Fx(<50 points)

D (61 points)

Evaluation, comments, recommendations:

The thesis deals with a very recent topic of law changes in medical care in Germany. First, I appreciate the effort to analyze such a difficult and controversial topic. However, I think you have oversimplified your analysis as you have chosen broad methods in your analysis. I think you should have made methods more focused on a specific problem within the new law modification. You are writing only a bachelor thesis (roughly 30-40 pages) and so it is acceptable. I am glad you have integrated some of my suggestions, but you should have gone more in-depth with the theoretical basis. Especially the part on Amartya Sen, as it seems a bit superficial and oversimplified. You should have used more than one book because there are plenty of other authors who write on social justice, inequalities, and the poor treatment of patients. I think the overall topic of the thesis is engaging and reflects the contemporary necessity to focus on the individual needs and desires of patients rather than subjugating them to humiliating treatment, unsatisfactory conditions, and the environment. I think you should have spent more time developing the theoretical basis as a foundation for your analysis and simplifying the methods used in your thesis. Overall, I recommend this thesis for the thesis defense in August 2022.

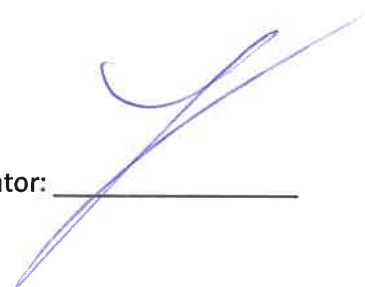
Questions for the author (relevant to the content of the Thesis):

1. Do you see any possibility of actual change for the current version of the law?

2. What do you think caused this shift in law (against the interest of patients)?

In Bratislava, on: 22. 8. 2022 (date)

Signature of evaluator: _____

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