

MASTER THESIS ASSESSMENT

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Thesis Title: Starting a business as an immigrant in France: A viable integration path or a double disadvantage

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In this report, please consider the following, by answering the following questions. Please add a short explanation instead of simply answering 'yes', 'no' or 'partly':

1) Content: Problem statement, method and theory:

a) Is the topic of the thesis clearly presented and motivated?

Yes, the thesis contains a well-structured introduction including background to the topic and scope and rationale for the focus on France.

b) Are the aims and objectives of the thesis clearly identified and explained?

Yes, both the aim and the research questions are defined in the introduction. The aim and research questions are clearly formulated. The aim is formulated as general and answering research questions helps to achieve it.

c) Is there a well formulated problem statement and is it of sufficient complexity for an MA level? Briefly explain?

Yes, the thesis deals with serious issue, which is presented in a comprehensive framework.

d) Has the student convincingly explained the relevance of the research?

Yes, the relevance of the research is well explained in the introduction section.

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e) Has a suitable methodology and theoretical frame been taken to solve the stated problems?

Yes, Lucie conducted qualitative research using the grounded theory method, which is suitable for answering research questions defined in the thesis. Theoretical framework is sufficient and is presented in a special section.

f) In case where empirical research has been conducted: is there a suitable research design and has the research been conducted adequately?

Yes, the research design is described in detail on pages 12 - 17.

g) Does the conclusion provide convincing answers/proof to the initial questions/hypotheses?

Yes, the conclusion contains answers on research questions. In my opinion, the research questions were answered and the general aim was achieved.

h) Does the research constitute a contribution to knowledge in this field or domain?

Yes, Lucie presents research gaps that should be filled. In my opinion, this work is highly original and it contributes to the current state of knowledge.

2) Structure:

a) Is the thesis coherently structured in chapters and sections?

Yes, the structure of the thesis meets the requirements of a scientific text. I really appreciate the detailed description of the research background and methodology.

b) Are concepts clearly introduced and explained, and critically and consistently applied?

Yes, the thesis contains a special section "Vocabulary" in which the concepts used in the thesis are defined.

3) Sources (primary and secondary):

a) Has (enough) relevant (primary and secondary) literature been adequately interpreted and integrated into the thesis?

Yes, the literature used is sufficient and is well applied throughout the work.

b) Is the bibliography/list of references complete and accurate?

Yes, the list of references is complete and the literature is well cited.

4) Stylistics:

a) Is the use of language (English) acceptable and of the required standard (i.e. no spelling mistakes and typos, range of vocabulary, grammar)?

Yes, no problem.

b) Are references in the text given in a coherent and consistent manner (either in text or as footnotes)?

Yes, they are.

5) Format:

a) How is the thesis presented (i.e. consistency in lay-out, choice of fonts, headings, tables and graphs)?

The format of the thesis is consistent.

b) Does the thesis contain all required elements (title page, declaration, table of contents, bibliography, etc.)

Yes, the thesis contains all necessary sections and meets the requirements that are typical for a scientific text.

6) Quality of writing process:

a) To what degree has the student been able to work independently?

Lucie worked independently. When necessary, she consulted with both supervisors and followed their recommendations.

b) Have recommended revisions been executed to a satisfying degree?

Yes, Lucie followed the recommendations carefully.

c) Any other relevant comments (e.g. on planning and commitment of the student).

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In my opinion, the thesis is of high quality and deserves an excellent grade. If Lucie is interested, the research could be published in one of the scientific journals.

7) Possible questions for thesis defence (only if this thesis is to be defended Orally):

**Are immigrants in France considered a disadvantaged group in the labour market? If so, to what extent? (e.g. are some instruments of active employment policy intended for them?)
The concept of social entrepreneurship is mentioned several times in the work. How is it developed in France and how can it be useful for immigrants?**

(National) Grade: A

***Suggestion for corresponding converted grade
according to the other university's (national) grading scheme: 18***

Date and place: August 17, 2021, in Olomouc

Signature: