

MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Thesis: Assessment of Social Progress in Pakistan, A Sub-national Analysis
Reviewer: Petra Krylova

Content

The Master thesis has well defined objectives, follows a comprehensive structure and conducts high-quality, in-depth analysis of the chosen topic.

Literature and references

The author uses relevant, up to date academic literature to support his assessment. All literature used is well referenced.

Formal requirements

The thesis is well written. There are minor inconsistencies in graphic layout, but this doesn't affect the comprehensiveness of the information provided. The author adequately supplements the analyses with relevant graphs and tables.

Topics for discussion

The author mentioned that data availability was one of the biggest constraints in conducting the analyses, yet he still managed to compile many relevant, outcome-focused social and environmental indicators to assess Pakistan's social progress. What was the most surprising insight he learned from the analyses and from the process of data collection?

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

In my opinion, the author has conducted a very original piece of research, which likely goes beyond the requirements of the master thesis. The author should strongly consider publishing the analysis and relevant insights in a journal and reaching out to relevant public authorities to make them aware of his work.

I do recommend the thesis for defense with grade A.

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