

MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Thesis: Sustainable city indicator: A case study of Bishkek
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Content

The structure of the thesis is well organized. Starting point is focusing on the general approach to the topic and then step by step, by narrowing the topic, the author comes to the main point. The aim of the study was clearly defined. To reach the aim of the study the author analyzed her problem by using content and PESTEL method. In several occasions the methodological steps could have been described more in details. Study results were clearly discussed and policy recommendations were given. At the end, author recommends new sustainable city indicators for Bishkek which shows the depth of her study and results of her analysis.

Literature and references

The methods and indicators of measuring sustainable city were clearly explained in the thesis work. References were well organized and cited accordingly. However, the main studies on this topic including the example of other cities almost were not mentioned at the literature review part, which was also advised student to do on time. This is one of the main problems that have been encountered in the thesis. Academic discussion of the “sustainable city concept” and about the selected indicators is missing. The three sets of indicators are just mentioned without a deeper insight. In the PESTEL analysis of Bishkek references are missing in several occasions.

Formal requirements

Writing level of the author, including grammar, punctuation and coherence can be evaluated as an upper intermediate (occasionally there are grammar and orthography mistakes). Almost all tables, figures and graphs were clearly explained. Figure 1 does not need the whole URL link directly in the text. Formatting of the text is not consistent – it is different e.g. on p. 19 or 20. PESTEL abbreviation is used in two different versions – PESTEL/PESTLE.

Topics for discussion

Can the student describe the process of the analysis of the NSDS documents? What were the exact steps?

To whom and how will the results (the new set of indicators) be communicated?

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

This study is unique for Central Asia and for Bishkek. The author's work was well organized, claims and arguments were backed with accurate sources and the aim of the research was reached. Level of this study is exactly suitable for master thesis and deserves to be given to its author Master degree.

After a joint decision of both supervisors, we do recommend the thesis for defense with grade **C**.

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