

OPPONENT'S OPINION OF DIPLOMA THESIS

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Name of thesis:	Agricultural Production and Food Security in Ghana
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TYPE OF DIPLOMA WORK: applied

ASSESSMENT OF THESIS: (always add verbal comments)

1. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT:

The aim of the thesis was to evaluate the agricultural production and food security in Ghana, which was done and therefore the requirements of assignment were met.

2. WORK WITH ACADEMIC LITERATURE:

Sufficient number of academic literature was used for elaboration of literature review, which provides theoretical background for the analysis. However, in certain parts the lack of continuity of the text can be seen, e.g. page 7-8, where the author writes about cereals and suddenly the text continues with the production in USA, but there is not stated, that now he writes about beef (which can be deduced only from graph).

3. CONTENT LEVEL OF WORK:

The work includes firstly the characteristics of Ghana from the viewpoint of socioeconomic situation and situation in agriculture, secondly, it describes particular issues of food security. In the methodology of the work it is stated, that "this study employs descriptive econometric techniques and statistics to analyze some determinants of agricultural production", but these methods are missing in the work.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO PRACTICE, ORIGINALITY:

Food security is an issue, that is challenging for many countries and is increasingly in the interest of governments and policy makers.



5. ADEQUACY OF THE CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, PROPOSALS:

The conclusions are adequate to the results, at the end concrete recommendations are proposed.

6. FORMAL LAYOUT:

I have some remarks on formal layout of the work, e.g. some mistakes; composition of text and graphs on some pages; disunited line spacing; unclear sentences (e.g. page 42), etc. The work looks like to be finished without enough time for final formal revisions.

SPECIFIC REMARKS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE THESIS:

In chapter 5 the author states that there is a decline in the agricultural laborforce and recommends "to identify and balance labor flows within the country". How do you imagine the role of government or policy makers in influencing the labor market? What concrete measures can the government take?

DEFENSE OF THESIS: recommended

FINAL CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL: D

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