Evaluation of Master Thesis *Mentality of the Oppressed: An Analysis of Czech Inferiority Complex Towards the West* **by BA Sinan Ertin.**

In his paper, Sinan Ertin deals with an analysis of some aspects of self-perception of Czechs and a Czech feeling of inferiority towards the so called western nations. Author argues that this negative self-perception is based on the trauma, which Czechs experienced when transitioning from communism to the globalized, i.e. capitalistic market.

Sinan Ertin's thesis is consisted of two main parts, i.e. a theoretical part (p. 8-39) and a methodological/practical part (p. 39-89).

The first part covers an author's explanation of the historical perspective and context of the Czech self-perception issue (i.e. post-communist syndrome, orientalism and so on). Unfortunately, some data, examples or/and arguments provided by the author are not sufficiently substantiated or exclusively based on reports disseminated by mass media or popular (non-specialized and non-academic) webpages such as Kafkadesk Prague Office, hypotecnibanka.cz and other e-sources. In addition, some key theoretical approaches (i.e. post-colonialism by Franz Fanon and Paulo Freire) has not been sufficiently elaborated.

The second part of the thesis is devoted to presentation and analyzing of the outcomes of the research on declared topic (i.e. Czech identity issue and the Czech inferiority complex towards the West). The author deals with such questions as "Do Czechs have a particular negative opinion of themselves, other Czechs and their nation?", "Do Czechs still believe that they are behind Western Europe?" and so on (see p. 39-40). The conducted online survey is based on answers made by 188 Czech respondents. Unfortunately, the methodological frame of the survey (statistical and other types of analysis, correlations etc.) has not been properly elaborated due to significant time constraints for submitting the master thesis.

Therefore, for the final grade I recommend "C" ("good").

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