

**BACHELOR'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT**  
*PPE – Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy and Economics*  
*Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University*

<b>Thesis title:</b>	<b>Analysis of Bilateral Cooperation Between Greece and the Balkans</b>
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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	<b>50</b>	35
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	<b>15</b>	5
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	<b>15</b>	10
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	50
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources, literature	<b>10</b>	10
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	<b>5</b>	5
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	<b>5</b>	4
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	69

**Plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score:**

*No plagiarism discovered.*

**Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria** (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

The thesis covers a relevant topic of the Greek-Balkan relations. The region is very important and contested making the selection of the topic justified. Nonetheless, the research question wording is problematic. It asks a speculative, forward-looking question that is not met by adequate forward-looking methodology. While the RQ looks at possible further development towards "stability", the text covers mainly history. This creates issues regarding how the RQ was answered as the conclusion is not based on a clearly delimited methodological approach and data selection. Also, key terms of "regional power" and "stability" should be better conceptualized. The text presents a relevant overview of the Greek relations to the three selected Balkan countries plus external challenges to this relationship but does not reflect upon the RQ.

There are some minor formatting issues plus the maps and figures are not mentioned in the text which is a common approach in academia. Map 3 is named Map 1. Also, the

author should beware of the difference between Islamic and Muslim state (p. 15). The claim of the fact that Greek leading role is welcomed in the region (p. 29) is not supported by any presented data like opinion polls.

**Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): D**

**Suggested questions for the defence are:**

**The text mentions the role of Saudi Arabia in the studied region. How does the kingdom's activities clash with the Greek policies?**

**I recommend the thesis for final defence.**

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***Referee Signature***

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	<b>A</b>	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	<b>B</b>	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	<b>C</b>	= good
61 – 70	<b>D</b>	= satisfactory
51 – 60	<b>E</b>	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	<b>F</b>	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.