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Object: Identities and Lives of Muslim Youth in the Czech Republic. Review

The dissertation is well structured, full of opportunities for learning, scientific comparison and it seems to have been a professional growth for the candidate. The central themes and theories on which the dissertation revolves are declined in a coherent way with the interdisciplinary and diachronic perspective which are requested in this kind of writing. The theoretical framework and the subsequent discussion are well balanced. Specifically, the theoretical discussion within which the dissertation is inserted is articulated, thorough and well explored in its potential. Both the objectives and the research paths identified represent some of the main strands of the contemporary international debate. The methodological approach appears adequate and well described.

In this general positive framework, a couple of remarks should be pointed out to be discussed, if necessary during the defense:

- Each theoretical concept is not only culturally situated, but also contextually positioned (and/or conditioned). The theme of the role of contexts – ie. both that in which the interviewees live and that from they come from - would be better focused upon. Indeed, on the one hand, the context of the daily-life is relevant to better scrutinize the level of integration and to what extent identities are reshaped. On the other hand, the original context – taking into



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account through memories and ties with ethnic communities in the new life-context – could still matter in terms of identity-traits, values, moral and religious habits.

- Several interviewees have a peculiar migratory background as asylum seekers. This specific trait should be more stressed and taken into account in discussing identity issues as well as the integration paths.
- And dealing with then concept of ‘integration’, it could be interesting – in terms of further research development – to consider the most recent debate in this topic mentioning the issues of inclusion and diversity management, two concepts which – according several scholars – better helps to scrutinize the relationships among various actors: migrants (both first- and subsequent-generations), national citizens, stakeholders, ethnic communities, Ngos and those organizations which can be gathered under the umbrella of a so-called ‘advocacy coalition’ pro-migrants and their positive inclusion in host societies.

Finally, the thesis should be considered a valid contribution improving the interdisciplinary perspective, which is necessary to better frame and analyse the development paths of youth with migratory backgrounds and in offering suggestions for further investigations in various societal environments.

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