## Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences Social Sciences Programme

## **BACHELOR THESIS REVIEW**

Type of review: thesis opponent

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Title: Juvenile Justice: The United States vs Egypt

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Reviewer: Šárka Špeciánová

This work is dedicated to the comparison of legal regulations in the area of justice in juvenile matters. In the Czechoslovak Republic juvenile justice legislation from the 1930s has an exceptional status, as it was a pioneer of such regulations not only in Europe but also in other countries. Therefore, I welcome the author's efforts to provide interesting comparisons and inspiring information from other legal regulations.

## 1. Is the aim of the thesis (research question) clearly stated and do the conclusions correspond to it? Is the thesis appropriately structured?

The author fulfilled the objectives of the thesis.

Comments: The thesis aims to provide a comparative analysis of juvenile detention centers and the juvenile justice system in Egypt and the United States, highlighting key differences in legal frameworks, practices, and conditions. To obtain the necessary data, a systematic literature review was conducted. The review aims to identify and collect different studies and experiments conducted on juveniles in Egypt and the U.S. to compile, compare, and analyze existing data on the methods implemented by each to manage their juvenile justice system.

In her work, the author deals with the issue following these research questions:

- How do the legal systems, treatment of juvenile offenders, and conditions in juvenile detention centers differ between the United States and Egypt, and what impact do these differences have on the rehabilitation and well-being of young individuals in the justice system of each system?
- How can a comparison of both systems of juvenile detention centers be used to provide solutions to the failures in both countries?

## 2. Is the thesis based on relevant research and literature and does it accurately summarize and integrate the information?

I appreciate the processing based on the systematic literature review of the section dedicated to the Comparison of the Legal Framework of the Juvenile Justice Systems in the US and Egypt and adherence to PRISMA guidelines for systematic reviews. The systematic literature review aims to investigate the conditions in detention centers and the effectiveness of rehabilitation and intervention strategies for juvenile offenders, street children, and adolescents in Egypt and the United States between the years 2000 and 2024 and in my opinion, this goal was achieved.

3. What is the quality of the data or the other sources? Are the sample method, data collection, and data analysis appropriate?

As I mentioned above, I appreciate the preparation of the systematic literature review and the process of obtaining relevant information.

4. Are the findings relevant to the research question? Are the conclusions of the thesis based on strong arguments?

Yes

Comments: The research questions mentioned above in this statement were answered in the thesis.

5. Are the author's thoughts distinguished unambiguously from the borrowed ideas?

Yes, this requirement for a research paper is fulfilled.

6. What is the quality of style and other formal requirements?

I only find minor typos, e.g. page 21 - "langer" instead of "longer". The text reads well and most citations are properly cited. From a formal point of view, I do not find an abstract in the thesis in the Czech language, as required by the Rules for the organization of studies at FSV UK in article 12, paragraph 3.

7. Are there any other strengths and weaknesses of the thesis, which are not included in the previous questions? Please list them if any.

I appreciate the significant shift in the quality of the processing of this work compared to the original version that the student submitted.

8. What topic do you suggest for the discussion in the thesis defence?

If you compare the historical traditions of the two monitored countries, can you state the facts that are reflected in the current regulation of juvenile justice?

Overall evaluation of the thesis: I recommend this thesis for defense

Proposed grade: **B** 

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