

**BACHELOR THESIS REVIEW**

**Type of review:** *opponent*

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**Title:** Love in the Heart of Prague: Exploring Perceptions of Romantic Love among Prague's Youth

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**Reviewer:** Mgr. Lucie Němcová

Please explain the reasons for your evaluation (especially reservations and criticisms) according to the criteria listed below.

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

Comments: Research questions as well as aims are stated in the Abstract, Introduction and described in more detail in the Chapter 4. Conclusions could be structured according to the research questions and aims. General structure of the thesis is good.

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

Comments: The number of scientific sources is low for a bachelor thesis, only 8 academic sources, 1 report and 1 thesis. Since the bachelor thesis is based on Sternberg's Triangular theory of love, this theory should be described in much greater detail. The literature review overall does not go into much depth.

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

Comments: The bachelor thesis employs intriguing methodology (photo-elicited focus groups backed by thematic analysis), yet these methods lack appropriate explication and grounding in the literature. Sample method and data collection are appropriate. I appreciate the introduction of the limits of research and ethical considerations. The analysis appears to be disorganised; the text mentions certain pre-prepared questions, but they are not listed. Individual topics and codes could

be listed, for example in a table, for better orientation, as well as individual research participants with their basic characteristics (age, gender, etc.)

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

Comments: Yes, findings are relevant to the research questions. As mentioned, the conclusions could be organised according to the research questions and objectives, however the quality of the arguments is good.

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

Comments: Sometimes there are parts of text without proper citation (for example p. 12, 14, direct citation without page number on the p. 29). On the page 13, there is mentioned Perina (2020), however this source is not listed in the literature. Stating that blue is associated with comfort and safety (p. 19) seems unscientific, since this statement is not backed by any literature.

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

Comments: The language level is of a high standard.

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

On the page 22, the author lists three elements according to the Rifa'I (2010). It is not clear if this guideline was used and how.

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

What codes were created during the analysis; can author provide compact display of these codes?

What were the pre-prepared questions for focus groups?

Please clarify whether and how the Rifa'I (2010) guidelines were used?

9. I declare that I have checked the result of the originality check of the thesis:

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Comment on the result of the check:

**Overall evaluation of the thesis:**

I recommend the bachelor thesis for the defence. The topic and chosen methodology are interesting, and the analysis is quite good. However, the theoretical element of the thesis is not that thorough, in addition, a more elaborate theoretical part would also solve the problem of the low number of sources. The methodology should also be described in greater detail.

Proposed grade: C-D based on the defence

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