

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Geopolitical Constitutions in New Confucianism: The Case of Qian Mu
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the four numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

- 1) Contribution and argument:** The thesis covers a very interesting case combining political theory of new Confucianism and geopolitics. It highlights how Qian Mu not only developed his thought in relation to the ongoing geopolitical changes in China but also what geopolitical visions he presented in his work. This is definitely an important especially for the Czech academic environment. The text develops the work of Qian Mu into significant detail but provides rather short and shallow conclusions and analysis that to a degree lessen the contribution of the work.
- 2) Theoretical and methodological framework:** Being a theoretical work, it develops theory into a significant depth. Methodologically and conceptually the work is handled properly.
- 3) Sources and literature:** The text works with a large number of relevant sources. Citations are done correctly.
- 4) Manuscript form and structure:** The text is missing required initial pages. Some headings are placed on last line of a page. The methodological chapter could be better written. There is some problematic formatting.
- 5) Quality of presentation:** Linguistically, the text is developed correctly.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	33
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	24
<i>Sources and literature (max. 10 points)</i>	10
<i>Manuscript form and structure (max. 15 points)</i>	7
<i>Quality of presentation (grammar, style, coherence) (max. 10 points)</i>	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	84
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	B

Suggested questions for the defence are:

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

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TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good

61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.