

Evaluation of BC dissertation by **Fliuza Tazieva**:

„The Impact of the rise of the BRICS on international relations: The case of Brazil“

In her dissertation Fliuza Tazieva addresses an increasingly topical aspect of contemporary international relations, the rise of the BRICS, focusing on the case of Brazil. Although scholars will continue to disagree on the significance and sustainability of the BRICS's cooperation, by now there can be little doubt that the subject will remain on the researchers' agenda in the years ahead. The student should be commended for her ambition to tackle this very challenging topic.

Fliuza Tazieva has responded diligently to constructive criticism offered by Dr Karel Cerny. Her re-written dissertation provides more detailed evidence to substantiate her conclusions, furnishes the subject with deeper theoretical dimension and adopts a more sceptical and detached stance.

I propose mark 2-3 based on satisfactory oral defense.

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