

SM 628 European Policy and Practice towards minorities
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ESSAY ASSESSMENT FORM

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| Student's name: | Katerina Gujda | Name of assessor: | Bernd Ostermayer | Date: | 24. May 06 |
| Essay title: | Legal situation of homosexuals in Czech Republic and Poland against a legal background | | | | |

| | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Not acceptable | Comments |
|---|-----------|------|---------|------|----------------|---|
| 1) Argument | | | | | | |
| a) How well does the essay address the topic/problem? | | X | | | | Very large opening, facts non-related to the topic overweight. Addressing the topic from academic outsider's view |
| b) Is there a sustained argument? | | | X | | | The reasons for the different approach from Czech and Polish government is not enlightened. |
| 2) Sources | | | | | | |
| a) How adequate are the sources used? | | | | X | | Citation not clear. Internet sources without exact URL, Usage of Polish sources only in translation |
| b) Is the range of sources sufficient? | | X | | | | Mostly pure internet sources, no scientific oeuvres at all. |
| c) Has the source material been well integrated? | | | X | | | No distinct citation, impossible to find the sources. |
| 3) Balance | | | | | | |
| a) Have the subject matter and sources been treated fairly? | | X | | | | |
| b) Is the essay sufficiently critical? | | | X | | | Regarding homosexuals unbalanced theories, very obviously copying some others' views |
| c) Are counter-arguments addressed? | | | X | | | Hardly any dialectic approach |
| 4) Organisation | | | | | | |
| a) Is the essay structure sensible and logical? | X | | | | | Although too short a conclusion |
| b) Does the essay ramble? | | X | | | | |

| 5) Introduction | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Not acceptable | |
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| a) Does the introduction clearly set out the goals of the essay and its structure? | | | | X | | In medias res Introduction, or rather in peripheral res. |
| 6) Conclusion | | | | | | |
| Is the conclusion adequate and sufficiently supported by the essay? | | X | | | | Too short, not summing up the arguments |
| 7) Expression/Presentation | | | | | | |
| a) Are the style, grammar and general use of English adequate? | X | | | | | |
| b) Is the essay professionally presented? | | X | | | | Very nice flag. 😊 |
| 8) Referencing | | | | | | |
| a) Are sources properly acknowledged? | | | X | | | Missing disambiguation between verbatim and comparing citations. |
| Are they properly documented? | | | | X | | |
| Is the bibliography adequate? | | | | | X | No exact directions toward sources (chapters, page nrs, subsites in Internet sources....) |

Essay grade: B-C

Further comments:

Introduction on homosexuality should be shorter, especially the part where you don't reveal anything basically new to the reader.

The sources, if quoted verbatim, should be in the text in original language if possible and translations in footnotes or following text, better to use English sources in an English essay (if as easily available, like wikipedia).

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