Opponent's review

Common EU Immigration and Asylum Policy Implementation: The Case of the Kingdom of Norway and the Czech Republic

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The topic of the study is the Common EU Immigration and Asylum Policy. Chapter 1 deals with aims and objectives of the research and its theoretical and practical relevance. Author sets clearly main aim, four research objectives are linked to the main objective, which is examination of European Union and Asylum policies implementation and administrative practice in the Kingdom of Norway and the Czech Republic. Second consequent study objective is fostering regular migration of skilled and learned individuals into European Union.

Method used is a qualitative comparative case study examining European Union immigration policy and both the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Norway policies. Description of immigration to European Union and evolution of immigration policy includes main Treaties as the Maastricht Treaty, Amsterdam Treaty, Schengen Agreement, Schengen Information System, Lisbon Treaty and relating systems like asylum system and appropriate mechanisms. Research methodology evaluates continuously the theoretical and methodological parts. It finds appropriate method of qualitative research as it seems to be flexible for exploring similarities and differences and seems to be proper way to achieve the aim of study. Method is neither unique nor innovative but correct in applied procedures. Reason for choosing qualitative methodology is justified: two basic strategies involve the method of Most Similar System Designs and the Most Different system design. Tab. 2 shows recent asylum trend in the Czech Republic and Tab. 3 shows recent asylum trend in Norway. I miss long-term database analysis as 5 year (2013-2017) is not enough to reflect immigration status quo in both countries. Results are interpreted in a clear way and analysis has continuity with previous parts.

I recommend the thesis for the defense. I propose the grade A

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