

REFeree'S REVIEW

Program:	Master in International Business Program
Student:	Evgeniia Dovbakh
Title of thesis:	Role of University Context in Student Entrepreneurial Intentions Development: Cross-Country Study

Justification of the topic choice. Accuracy in defining the aim and objectives of the thesis. Justification of the topic choice; accuracy in defining the aim and tasks of the thesis; originality of the topic and the extent to which it was covered; alignment of the thesis' topic, aim and objectives.	5	4	3	2
Structure and logic of the text flow. Logic of research; full scope of the thesis; alignment of thesis' structural parts, i.e. theoretical and empirical parts.	5	4	3	2
Quality of analytical approach and quality of offered solution to the research objectives. Adequacy of objectives coverage; ability to formulate and convey the research problem; ability to offer options for its solution; application of the latest trends in relevant research are for the set objectives.	5	4	3	2
Quality of data gathering and description. Quality of selecting research tools and methods; data validity adequacy; adequacy of used data for chosen research tools and methods; completeness and relevance of the list of references.	5	4	3	2
Scientific aspect of the thesis. Independent scientific thinking in solving the set problem/objectives; the extent to which the student contributed to selecting and justifying the research model (conceptual and/or quantitative), developing methodology/approach to set objectives.	5	4	3	2
Practical/applied nature of research. Extent to which the theoretical background is related to the international or Russian managerial practice; development of applied recommendations; justification and interpretation of the empirical/applied results.	5	4	3	2
Quality of thesis layout. Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defense, correct layout of tables, figures, references.	5	4	3	2

Additional comments:

This is a high level research which may be accepted in a good peer-review journal in the field

- *The topic is very new and relevant*
- *The literature review is very good*
- *There is a clear knowledge gap and it is filled well with proposed hypotheses.*
- *The empirical data and findings are robust*

I have only one point to mention. Logically, the model is correct but there is one effect that should be also accounted for. Probably, higher entrepreneurial intentions are not only the result of various "university capitals" but also an outcome of ex-ante self-selection of students. In other words, students who have higher entrepreneurial intentions choose university programs with good entrepreneurial components and universities with good opportunities for social capital acquirement. It would be interesting to know who the student will comment this idea (if this question is not discussed in the dissertation).

Master thesis of Evgeniia Dovbakh meets the requirements of the Master in International Business Program program, and according to the reviewer's opinion deserves a "excellent (A)" grade, thus the author can be given the desired degree.

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