

SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR'S REFERENCE

Program:	Master in Management
Student:	Yulia Orekhova
Title of thesis:	The role of Dark Triad personality traits in the formation of entrepreneurial intentions among students and recent graduates

<p>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.</p>
<p>Master thesis of Yulia Orekhova is devoted to determination of the Dark Triad personality traits impact on entrepreneurial intentions among students and recent graduates through the lenses of the Theory of Planned Behavior. The chosen topic is theoretically demanding and highly relevant as it falls into an emerging literature stream on the role of controversial personality characteristics that is now gaining momentum in entrepreneurship research. The thesis topic is original and aligns with the study goal and objectives.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>The text flow of the master thesis is logical. The structural parts are generally balanced and align with each other.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>The author showed an ability to clearly formulate and convey the research problem. The stated research objectives are fully covered. The analytical approach used in the study is meticulously developed and well-applied.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>The author demonstrated initiative in developing the questionnaire and gathering relevant data. It is worth particularly highlighting that all the data for this master thesis were collected by the author herself. The gathered empirical data is adequate for chosen research methods. The list of references is relevant to the topic and contains contemporary pieces on the considered research problem.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Scientific aspect of the thesis is confirmed by the fact that an empirical research paper based on this work has been developed in co-authorship with Yulia and accepted for publication in Vestnik of St.Petersburg State University Management journal. Yulia has shown independent scientific thinking and ability to independently develop conceptual framework of the study, justify hypotheses and apply appropriate analytical approach.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>This research is mostly relevant for business schools executives and investors in search for entrepreneurial projects to work with. Specific practical implications are discussed in the study.</p>
<p>Quality of thesis layout. Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defence, correct layout of tables, figures, references.</p>
<p>Thesis layout meets the corresponding requirements.</p>
<p>Originality of the text. All sources of match identified by the Safe Assign system follow the allowed cases, the paper does not contain any elements of plagiarism.</p>
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The Master thesis of **Yulia Orekhova** meets the requirements for master thesis of MIM program thus the author of the thesis can be awarded the required degree.

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