

Letter of Appreciation

to Dr. Erzsébet Bárány for her evaluation of my doctoral dissertation

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Dear Dr. Erzsébet Bárány,

I am grateful for your time participating in this process, which has been a critical part of my academic journey. I truly appreciate the attention to detail and the level of engagement you have shown in your review. You focused on the thesis's all structural elements and added a section for specific remarks, observations, and conclusions. At the end of your review, you also gave me your recommendation. So, I think your work is thorough.

Your description that the "dissertation provides a deep, comprehensive, high-level scientific investigation of a sensitive topic" encourages me. It is pleasant to read your opinion that "the topic is presented in a logical system that the reader can follow" and "noteworthy are the original creative findings." You described me as having "brilliant knowledge of scientific works related to the dissertation," which is inspiring. You found the provision of the interview transcripts helpful because "the reader can check the validity and reliability of the analysis and interpretation of data." You also described methodological decisions and their clarifications as leaving "no space for further questions." Thank you very much for such a positive evaluation.

Regarding your note on a missing item in the list of abbreviations, I can explain that the item's full name is provided directly in the text because it is mentioned only once in the thesis. Next, your suggestion that it would be more "reader-friendly" to organize the list alphabetically is rational and anticipatable. As an excuse, I can only justify the decision that the list is only half a page, so grouping the abbreviations by semantic similarity was preferred to an alphabetical listing. Based on suggestions for future directions, you also asked why including data from private universities would change the results. The suggestion was derived from the assumption that private universities usually differ from public universities in various parameters. However, the suggestion applies to the future when private universities in Kyrgyzstan attract more students than now since they are currently small and hardly affect the results.

Finally, thank you very much for recommending that the thesis "complies with the requirements of a PhD dissertation, hence it to be publicly defended, thus granting the doctoral degree to its author."

Sincerely,

Asarbek Mambetaliev



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