

Response to Dr. Attila Benő

I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Benő for his thorough and constructive review of my dissertation. I am especially thankful for his recognition of the empirical and theoretical richness of the study, as well as for his recommendation that it be considered suitable for public defense.

I acknowledge the uneven gender distribution in the participant sample, particularly in the second and third studies. This imbalance resulted mainly from the availability of students during the data collection phase. In addressing this, I approached the group as a whole and also examined differences between male and female narratives. The results, however, were similar in essence, with comparable themes emerging across both genders. I will add clarification in the methodology and limitations sections to make this point explicit. While the primary focus of the study was on cultural dimensions, I recognize the importance of this aspect and will also highlight it as a direction for future research.

As for the risk of overgeneralization, the participants of the study are already clearly defined in terms of age in the introduction, literature review, and methodology, but I see the value in further refining the wording. I will therefore make it explicit that the findings apply to bilingual young university students, so that the conclusions more precisely reflect the sample.

I am grateful for Dr. Benő's constructive feedback and support, and I truly value his recommendation for awarding the PhD degree.

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