

HABILITATION THESIS REVIEWER'S REPORT

Masaryk University

Faculty

Faculty of Social Studies

Applicant

Dr. Pelin Ayan Musil

Habilitation thesis

Transformation of Islamist and Kurdish Parties in Turkey: Consequences for Regime Change

Reviewer

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First let me begin with the qualifications of the candidate. Dr. Ayan Musil is very well-established in the field. She has made significant contributions both to the study of comparative politics and Turkish politics. Through her scholarly works, she managed to bring academic insight into contemporary politics with a strong engagement with the existing literature.

She made particularly important contributions to the study of party politics and she is an author I cite regularly in my own work. I also assign her work in my classes.

Specifically, regarding her book, which she submitted for Habilitation: As a scholar of Turkish politics as well as citizenship, political regimes, social movements, and party politics for over a decade, I find this work as high quality. It makes significant contributions to the aforementioned fields and it is very timely as it addresses pressing questions regarding contemporary politics. Ayan Musil also demonstrates that she is an astute observer of contemporary political events along with her commendable command over the relevant literature. I also like the research design which enables process-tracing.

Reviewer's questions for the habilitation thesis defence

- 1) Could you please elaborate on the broader implications of your study for the field of party politics?
- 2) Based on your research and findings, and your engagement with the existing literature, could you tell us a bit more about directions for further research in the field?

Conclusion

The habilitation thesis entitled "Transformation of Islamist and Kurdish Parties in Turkey: Consequences for Regime Change" by Dr. Pelin Ayan Musil **fulfils** requirements expected of a habilitation thesis in the field of Political Science.

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