

Attachment No. 11:

Habilitation thesis reviewer's report

Masaryk University	...
Faculty	...
Field of study	Sociology and Gender Studies
Applicant	Katerina Liskova, PhD
Unit	...
Habilitation thesis (title)	Sexual Liberation, Socialist Style: Communist Czechoslovakia and the Science of Desire, 1948–89
Reviewer	Dagmar Herzog, PhD, Distinguished Professor of History Graduate Center, City University of New York
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Reviewer's report (extent of text up to the reviewer)
Please see attached report.

Reviewer's questions for the habilitation thesis defence (number of questions up to the reviewer)

1. If confronted by a senior scholar who asserts that sexuality was never a significant matter for socialist governance – in no way reaching the level of importance of economic arrangements or the management of political dissent – what 2-3 arguments would you make in response, and what 4-5 concrete examples would you give to lend weight to those arguments?
2. Among the most amazing and poignant of your source materials are the declarations made by ordinary people – whether responding to an expert's survey about their contraceptive habits, testifying about their own marriage woes in a divorce court, or writing a letter to a government official. What did the inclusion of this wealth of non-expert source material allow you to demonstrate about the phenomenon of expertise that would not have been possible had you relied solely on experts' own writings?

Conclusion

The habilitation thesis submitted by Katerina Liskova entitled **Sexual Liberation, Socialist Style: Communist Czechoslovakia and the Science of Desire, 1948–89** *meets* the requirements applicable to habilitation theses in the fields of Sociology and Gender Studies.

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