

## **Assessment Report on Guseva Natalia Dissertation**

Submitted by Professor Brian D. Joseph, The Ohio State University (31 March 2022) on Dissertation of Guseva Natalia Konstantinovna on the topic: Directive strategies and tactics in interpersonal communication in different linguistic cultures (case study of Italian and Russian languages) degree of candidate of philological sciences in a scientific speciality 5.9.8. Theoretical, applied, contrastive and comparative linguistics

This dissertation is in many ways a most impressive work. It starts by taking a novel perspective on the problem of “directive” speech (speech intended by the speaker to effect a particular actional outcome in an interlocutor), embedding that in a broader framework of dialogic interaction between speakers and an even broader context of a “linguo-cultural” milieu. The dissertation is theoretical in part, especially the discussion of the broader context for the study, but also empirical in nature, through its consideration of directives in Italian and in Russian. The comparative angle gives the study a uniqueness that one looks for in a dissertation.

The results are interesting and overall the study is richly documented through an almost encyclopedic set of references covering a wide range of relevant literature. The candidate has clearly “done her homework” as far as research is concerned, both in terms of coverage of the secondary literature and in terms of development of a corpus upon which to base the empirical part of the study.

I do have some questions that the candidate can address, most pointedly whether data from films should, or could, be considered to be “real” data? I am interested in how such data might compare with naturalistic speech (e.g. data from conversation between friends, or from service encounters in a store).

Overall I find this dissertation to be acceptable.

Dissertation of Guseva Natalia Konstantinovna on the topic: Directive Strategies and Tactics in Interpersonal Communication in Different Linguistic Cultures (Case Study of Italian and Russian Languages) meets the basic requirements established by Order No.11181/1 dd. 19.11.2021 "On the procedure for awarding academic degrees at St. Petersburg State University".

The applicant Guseva Natalia Konstantinovna deserves to be awarded the academic degree of candidate of philological sciences in a scientific speciality 5.9.8. Theoretical, applied, contrastive and comparative linguistic. Paragraphs 9 and 11 of the specified Order have not been violated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian D. Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

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