

MINUTES OF THE EVALUATION COMMISSION MEETING

appointed to carry out the mid-term evaluation of a PhD student

1. Full name of a PhD student:

Giulia Magro

2. Date of commencement of education:

academic year 2021/2022

3. ORCID:

0000-0002-9048-8278

4. Scientific discipline:

Literary studies

5. The planned title of the doctoral dissertation:

An Analysis of Medievalism in Selected Works of American Speculative and Science Fiction in the Age of the Anthropocene: An Ecocritical Perspective

6. Name and last name of a PhD supervisor(s), degree or scientific title:

Professor Giorgio Mariani, Department of European, American and Intercultural Studies, University of Rome La Sapienza

Dr hab. Anna Czarnowus, prof. UŚ, Institute of Literary Studies, University of Silesia

7. Name and last name of the auxiliary supervisor (if designated):

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8. Members of the mid-term Evaluation Committee:

1) Chair of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position)

Rafał Boryslawski, dr hab., prof. UŚ (Uniwersytet Śląski)

2) Member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position)

Paolo Simonetti, Prof. (University of Rome La Sapienza)

3) Member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position)

Andrzej Wicher, prof. dr hab. (Uniwersytet Łódzki)

4) Member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position)

Paweł Jędrzejko, dr hab., prof. UŚ (Uniwersytet Śląski)

9. Date of presentation at the meeting of the Scientific Council of the Institute of the relevant discipline

15 December 2023

10. Date of mid-term evaluation of a PhD student

20 December 2023

11. Questions posed to the PhD student (both at the second stage, at the Scientific Council meeting of the Institute of the relevant discipline, and at the third stage):

1. Why is it important to focus exclusively on the second half of the 20th century in your research? What are the challenges and implications associated with such an approach? (Prof. Paolo Simonetti)
2. What do you mean by declaring medievalism as a tool of resistance and does it imply any challenges? (dr hab. Rafał Borysławski, prof. UŚ)
3. What future research project can stem from your work? Are you planning any future research collaborations with other disciplines? (Prof. Paolo Simonetti)
4. What are the expected results of your project? (Prof. Paolo Simonetti)
5. Would you be inclined to treat the applications of medievalisms that you research as sources of inspiration or as something that needs to be overcome because of its backwardness? Is your attitude to medieval influences more positive or more negative? (prof. dr hab. Andrzej Wicher)
6. Please outline your publication plans. (dr hab. Paweł Jędrzejko, prof. UŚ)

12. The Evaluation Committee, acting on the basis of Article 19 of the Resolution No. 75 of the Senate of the University of Silesia in Katowice of January 26, 2021 on defining the Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice has conducted a mid-term evaluation of:

Ms Giulia Magro

After reviewing the Individual Research Plan, the written Report on the execution of the educational programme and the execution of the Individual Research Plan, the supervisor's opinion, hearing the presentation at the meeting of the Scientific Council of the Institute of the relevant discipline, having discussion with the PhD student¹ and discussion with the supervisor², the Committee issues the following evaluation:

The result of Ms Giulia Magro's mid-term evaluation has been voted positive.

¹ Cross out if the discussion has not taken place

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RESULT OF MID-TERM EVALUATION (positive/~~negative~~):

13. Vote results:

Number of votes for positive evaluation: 4

Number of votes for negative evaluation: 0

Number of votes abstaining: 0

14. Remarks

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15. Detailed justification of the Commission on the result of the mid-term evaluation (justify the result in detail; under the Act of 20 July 2018. Law on Higher Education and Science [Ustawa z dnia 20 lipca 2018 r. Prawo o szkolnictwie wyższym i nauce], the evaluation result with justification is public and will be published).

Ms Giulia Magro is a doctoral candidate within the joint programme of doctoral studies between the University of Sapienza in Rome and the University of Silesia in Katowice.

Ms Magro's dissertation and research concern the study of the applications of medieval influences in contemporary American speculative and science fiction with particular regard to the climate crisis in the age of Anthropocene. The supervisors of the dissertation are Prof. Giorgio Mariani and dr hab. Anna Czarnowus, prof. UŚ.

Following the rules and regulations of the mid-term evaluation procedure, Ms Magro presented her project and reported on the implementation of her Individual Research Plan before the Scientific Council of the Institute of Literary Studies on 15 Dec. 2023. She then participated in the meeting of the evaluation committee on 20 Dec. 2023. The latter was also attended by both of Ms Magro's supervisors. During both meetings, Ms Magro was altogether asked six questions related to the methodology, limitations, scope of her research and to her future research plans and publication strategies. Ms Magro's answers provided space for discussion and proved her to be aware of the nuances and important implications of both the subject matter she researches and of its methodological ramifications and constraints. The answers were received very positively by the members of the Scientific Council and mid-term evaluators. The details of the answers are available in the recordings of both meetings. Ms Magro's responses and the exchanges which ensued from them confirm that she is fully competent to actively engage in the scientific discourse within his selected field of research.

In the discussion which followed the meeting of the evaluation committee on Dec. 20th 2023, all of its members expressed overwhelmingly positive opinions regarding the progress of Ms Magro's work, the implementation of her Individual Research Plan, her work on the doctoral dissertation, as well as her extensive conference activity and highly satisfactory publications and publication plans.

Prof. Paolo Simonetti expressed his satisfaction with Ms Magro's answers and his appreciation of her exceptional academic activity: he mentioned the numerous conferences she attended in the past year,



her publications, and the junior research project she applied for. Prof. Simonetti also commented highly on the coherence and richness of Ms Magro’s Individual Research Plan and said that he was looking forward to reading her work.

Prof. Paweł Jędrzejko also expressed his approval and appreciation of Ms Magro’s progress. He described her as an excellent student who treats her doctoral project very seriously and who is willing to collaborate with her supervisors, ready to accommodate critical comments and whose output is exceptionally good.

Prod. Andrzej Wicher said that while he was unable to comment holistically on Ms Magro’s progress, he was satisfied with the complexity of Ms Magro’s answer to his question. Prof. Wicher expressed his concern, however, that Ms Magro may be overemphasizing the so-called exclusive discourses of the Middle Ages, and in the way that may be anachronistically too staunchly progressive, which may lead to a reductionist perspective on the period. Nonetheless, Prof. Wicher expressed his high opinion of Ms Magro’s academic competence and his positive view of the course of her evaluation.

Prof. Rafał Borysławski agreed that the current state of the implementation of Ms Magro’s Individual Research Plan indicates that her doctoral dissertation promises to bring highly satisfactory results.

At the close of the meeting, the committee invited Ms Magro and her supervisors to re-join the session in order to announce the positive result of the evaluation. As a final note, Prof. Anna Czarnowus, Ms Magro’s Silesia supervisor, expressed her complete satisfaction and confidence in how Ms Magro’s work is progressing. This was seconded by Prof. Giorgio Mariani, the supervisor representing the Sapienza University.

Prof. Borysławski concluded the meeting by saying that the implementation of Ms Magro’s Individual Research Plan and the current state of her doctoral dissertation more than adequately meet the positive criteria of a mid-term evaluation.

16. Signatures of the members of the Evaluation Committee

1) (name and last name of the chair, signature)

Rafał Borysławski

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2) (name and last name of the member, signature)

Paolo Simonetti

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3) (name and last name of the member, signature)

Andrzej Wicher

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4) (name and last name of the member, signature)

Paweł Jędrzejko

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