

## Feedback skema, 2018 f

<b>Navn: Christer Kold Lindholm</b>		<b>Eksamen:</b>
<b>Opgavetype:</b> KA Kinastudier		Speciale: Rising Economic Inequality in China: A Comparison With Japan's Course of Development through Piketty's Inequality Economics
Titel	Good title	
Abstract	Brief, clear, concise	
Forside	Yes. Good Russell quotation	
Indholdsfortegnelse	Yes	
Indledning	Brief and to the point.	
Indeholder opgaven det, som indledningen lover?	Yes, completely	
Problemformulering	The research question is pertinent, and the sub-questions open up to a structured and coherent enquiry.	
Begrundes problemstillingens relevans	Yes, very much so	
Besvares alle dele af problemformuleringen?	Yes	
Fokus/rød tråd?	The thesis is logically structured; questions continuously lead on the enquiry and discussion; conclusions take stock of findings and arguments	
Defineres de vigtige begreber i opgaven?	Yes. However, in some cases there are some lingering doubts, e.g. what does a "neo-classical" approach mean apart from an approach that CKL and Piketty do not like?	
Afgrænsning af problemstillingen?	Yes, the questions are pertinent and they are addressed.	
Anvendes relevante teorier?	<p>The theory review is very comprehensive and focused. It is a succinct and critical walk-through that covers many of the classical political economic theories and their explanations of mainly structural that cause and/or reduce inequality. The criticisms, e.g. of Marx and Kuznets, are well argued.</p> <p>The explanation of Piketty's work and its potential applicability is also pertinent and there is a lot of questioning and independent reflection.</p>	
Operationaliseres teorien?	<p>The methodological approach is not explained. This would have been helpful.</p> <p>As it is, the text is carried on by sticking on the one hand to the original research questions, while continuously asking new questions that link to the overall questions and the previous section/argument. This is a smart analytical grip that functions well.</p> <p>It would have been useful with an in-depth explanation about the quality of the data used and the criteria for selecting it. However, the overall analytical narrative does provide some of these arguments.</p>	
Noget forkert/misforstået?	No	
Analyse	<p>The critique of existing literature on inequality in China is interesting and based on the theoretical propositions.</p> <p>The explanation of Sun Liping's analysis and its theoretical base is solid and</p>	

	<p>critical. Very well done!</p> <p>The series of arguments put forward as the analysis moves along are very insightful and based on empirically grounded discussions. The writer does not shy away from having his strong opinions, which is good- especially because they are well-founded.</p> <p>The section on hierarchy and authoritarianism vs the possibility of egalitarian development is well documented and presents some convincing analysis and arguments. Issues like poverty, role of labour unions etc. are analyzed and contribute to the larger. The summary in 2.15 is excellent.</p> <p>The comparison with Japan, and to some extent Korea are well put and adds a strong comparative dimension to the analysis of China (this is not often seen in China Studies theses).</p> <p>The literature used for the analysis is very broad (discipline-wise) and very comprehensive, drawing of a variety of development theory schools as well as China focused economics analysis. It testifies to an ability to handle large amounts of highly complex scientific sources, empirical data and complex chains of arguments.</p> <p>There is also some independent data analysis which supports the analysis and argumentation.</p>
Alle opgavedele med? Disponering OK?	Yes. But it would have been useful with a more focused methodological section.
Diskussion/konklusion	The conclusion is succinct and produces new theoretical insights. Well done.
Kritisk stillingtagen	The enquiry and analysis is steered by a highly critical approach. It would have been helpful to submit Piketty to a similarly critical view, at least in a discussion.
Sprog - oversættelse	Excellently written. Very easy to read. Good use of Chinese sources.
Tabeller, figurer	There is a large number of figures, tables, graphs which support the analysis very well. They are highly illustrative. However, the way of referencing these tables is not always clear (should have been marked by better typography and clearer links)
Referencer	The references follow a spurious standard where author is not named in sequential referencing. This is systematic, but confusing
Litteraturliste	OK
Bilag	No
Samlet bedømmelse	<p>The thesis addresses a challenging field and takes some of the traditional approaches to task.</p> <p>The analysis is excellent and maintains a consistent high level of insight and grounding.</p> <p>The ambitions of the thesis have been completely fulfilled and the thesis demonstrates that the writer is competent in all of the various fields and competences required of a candidate from China Studies. It fully meets the formal requirements, and it demonstrates convincing academic, scientific,</p>

	and intellectual talent. It is a highly original piece of work at this level.
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