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**Review of the doctoral dissertation of Dror Krikon M.A.
entitled
„The Smartphone in the Life of Israeli Youth.
From “Virtual Friend” to Addiction”**

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The presented dissertation has 312 pages, including wide-ranging Introduction (Theoretical and Methodological Basis of the Dissertation) and appendices: questionnaires and in-depth interview (IDI) scenario. The bibliography is extensive, consisting of 290 entries, there are also 33 tables and three charts in the dissertation. The work consists of the above-mentioned Introduction, five chapters and Epilogue providing a summary of the scientific process and anticipating the further development of the investigated research question. The chapters encompass the history of the development of smartphones to their current form and functionalities, the characteristics of youth as a specific period of human life, the rationale behind the choice of generation for the study (Y and Z), research methodology, research findings and conclusions. The thesis has been written all in English.

Before I briefly describe all chapters as a background for thesis evaluation, I would like to emphasize that I see tackling this topic as a huge methodological and theoretical challenge. The pace of technological development of smartphones and the change in their social role makes it, in my opinion, not easy to build theoretical models and conduct research, while at the same time it is necessary for understanding the phenomenon and formulating recommendations for parents, teachers, politicians and, finally, young people themselves.

The Author begins by reflecting on contemporary society, and in particular the phenomenon of postmodernism, and draws attention to the instability of knowledge, the sense