



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Neo-Ottomanism in Turkish Foreign Policy and Changes during the Erdoğan era

Programme/year: Security Studies

Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor): Emil Aslan (Souleimanov), opponent

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	5
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
<i>Total</i>		<i>80</i>	<i>55</i>
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>18</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>73</b>



## Evaluation

Major criteria: The thesis is a well-researched, well-executed and well-explained piece of analysis that is utterly descriptive, lacks methodological rigor, and is *not* original. Indeed, the topic of the thesis has been well-researched in recent years, leaving those interested in it with little room for innovation. As such, I have mixed feelings about this thesis: while the author certainly grasps the complex topic, he has done little to go beyond well-known explanations of the factors leading to the evolution of Turkish FP since AKP took power. A different – more specific – angle taken by the author might have helped him to focus on something that is less known in the literature and might therefore have the potential of bringing more innovative insight into this important and timely phenomenon.

Minor criteria: Some journalistic and oversimplifying termini, such as “Islam-based AKP”, might have been avoided.

Overall evaluation: A solid re-analysis of a complex topic that rather reiterates what is well-known in the literature instead of casting novel light.

Suggested grade: C

Signature: Emil Aslan (Souleimanov)



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