



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	24
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	91



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The research question - Which factors on the domestic level impact the implementation of the Dublin system? - Is clearly formulated and highly relevant both for the Europeanization research and the ongoing debate on the migration crisis in Europe. The thesis contains a well-written and concise overview of the Dublin system, as well as a good literature review based on a broad number of sources, especially in identifying all the domestic factors possibly relevant for the implementation of/compliance with European policies. However, the introduction to the concept of Europeanization is in the end limited to enumerating several existing definitions and a mere selection of the one most fitting for the research question. The thesis also lacks sufficient reasoning for the choice of explanatory factors ('goodness of 'misfit' hypothesis, administrative capacity and economic situation/strength) out of the number of factors mentioned in the literature review, the author merely states that the selected factors are "assumed to be most relevant" (p. 31). It is also unclear why/how the author chose one of the two competing versions of the goodness of fit/misfit hypothesis. The operationalization of factors is very good, well-applied to all three cases and thus offering comparable conclusions. However, it is not clear why the economic strength variable is based on 1990-2016 timeframe and not on a shorter period preceding the point of migration crisis or implementation evaluation, e.g. 2008-2016. The analysis itself is well executed and clearly presented, with comparable results.

Minor criteria:

The thesis fulfils all formal criteria, including the use of a broad range of sources. The only issue is an occasional problem with formatting.

Overall evaluation:

Despite some reservations mentioned above, the thesis is very good both in theoretical and empirical/analytical part. The conclusion clearly sums up the main findings and does not shy away from acknowledging the limits of methodology and data.

Suggested grade:

A

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