



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	5
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	17
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	20
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	42
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	7
	Style	<b>5</b>	4
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	58



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

It is unclear what the goals of the dissertation area. Is it seeking to explore the narratives being constructed in Turkey with regard to leaving the NATO? Or is it an analysis of the factors that may – or may not – be conducive to Turkey leaving the NATO? Or perhaps the dissertation seeks, in a more theory-driven fashion, to show that Turkey's shift from democratic values is a factor leading to Turkey leaving the NATO? (If this is the case, then the dissertation should have been anchored accordingly, with the lit review being centered on this suggested causal relationship, among other things). In other words, the dissertation's lack of clear-cut goals renders it vague and non-focused. The author analyzes, usually in passing, various factors that, in his opinion, may push Turkey to leave the NATO (Russia, the Kurdish question), yet a number of other factors historically considered by Turkish elites and intellectuals as key to the country's security (Iran's nuclear program, the Shiite Question, etc.) remain outside the author's focus. The empirical analysis of various segments chosen by the author without explaining the logic of this selection is also missing. The factors discussed by the author are not guided by a theory and therefore they fail to lead to a finding that is of rigor empirically and theoretically. The whole dissertation reads as an empirical draft that is not complete and that, most importantly, needs to be shaped by theory.

### Minor criteria:

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Suggested grade: 58/E1

Signature: