



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Climate Refugees in International Law

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	40
<i>Total</i>		80	80
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	99



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Writing a statement about this particular thesis as well as work with its author upon it was definitely a very good experience. The author worked in a highly above-standard way, always addressed questions and proposed her own solutions.

The research question as well as hypothesis of the thesis are indeed very up to date topic and will most certainly even become more important in the decades to come. The author formulated them in a precise way and though she found out that the term used in the title of her thesis is not accurate (climate refugees), it is a part of academic work (especially in thesis) to verify one's previous opinions. That may of course lead to different conclusions than the ones originally expected.

The thesis uses a variety of methods spanning from analytical, historical and comparative to her own evaluation and conclusions.

The text is structured in a logical way, flows naturally and describes first the general issues to go on to particular ones. The thesis also usefully addresses case-studies in order to show how the theoretical aspects described above are applied in practise.

Minor criteria:

The author used the most important sources, both in primary sources of international law, as well as secondary. She referred to probably the most famous author dealing with the issue of climate migration in current international doctrine (Jane McAdam) as well as others.

The thesis is written in a natural way and allows the reader to understand the topic even if he/she is not a lawyer. On the other hand it does use professional language and well formulated terminology.

There are only very few typos, otherwise the text is almost without a mistake.

I would only recommend to add Czech translation of the abstract and key words as it is required.



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Overall evaluation:

Overall, the thesis is an excellent one. I propose two questions to be tackled during the defense.

On pages 25 and 44 you describe opinion of J. Cooper about possibility of considering the population of sinking island states "a social group" under the refugee definition. Do you agree with her and why?

Please define what is soft law.

Suggested grade:

I suggest to grade the thesis "1"

Signature:

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