



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: How The Turkish Lobby Influences Foreign Policy: The Case of Armenian Genocide Recognition in The United States

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	36
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	72
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	4
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	91



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The thesis aims to address clearly articulated and intellectually satisfying questions concerning strategies, and strengths and weaknesses of Turkish lobby in the US foreign policy. Although doubts may exist regarding the relevancy of this issue in security studies, the author makes a competent contribution to the field of foreign policy analysis.

Importantly, it is the way how the author addresses the questions that makes the primary strength of this thesis. It is clearly and systematically built, starting with a comprehensive literature review and conceptualisation, following with a detailed analysis of two case studies and comparative analysis.

The methodology cannot be considered ambitious or sophisticated; nonetheless, it is effective in presenting empirical findings and producing persuasive conclusions.

### Minor criteria:

Little attention is paid to formatting of the text.

### Overall evaluation:

Erin Currie presented a mature and competent analysis of the Turkish-American lobby in the US foreign policy. It seems flawless in attaining all its objectives. However, in my view, a perfect thesis should be a bit more ambitious in setting aims and more sophisticated in research design. Nonetheless, this critical remark should not overshadow the fact that Erin's work approaches the category of excellent master theses.

Suggested grade: A (91)

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