



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	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	39
<i>Total</i>		80	76
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	96



Evaluation

Major criteria: This thesis is a major contribution to the field of terrorist alliance-making in the region Southeast Asia. Apart from presenting valuable insights into the empirical complexity of the researched phenomenon, the author offer a number of hypotheses which he tests empirically. His work is theoretically-driven and empirically-solid as he has consulted a number of important case study sources and theoretical works.

Minor criteria:

There are some minor shortcomings to the thesis. Some of the hypotheses are relatively self-evident and miss the puzzle, yet overall, they are innovative and make an interesting point. Some of the hypotheses are rather under-proved empirically, something that is understandable given the lack of space and the author's ambitious objectives.

Overall evaluation:

I consider this thesis one of the best in the field of security studies I've ever come to supervise and review. The author has periodically consulted various aspects of his work with me, improving his thesis considerably since our first meeting. The thesis is theoretically-informed and makes interesting empirical and theoretical contribution to the field. As such, I give it the highest grade and *suggest that the thesis is passed on to the dean for dean's honourable mention as excellent MA thesis.*

Suggested grade: A

Signature: Emil Aslan (Souleimanov)