



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	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	33
<i>Total</i>		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	92



Evaluation

Major criteria:

- well-defined hypotheses/research questions, well-defined research objectives;
- excellently constructed theoretical framework and clear link between the theoretical part and the empirical one;
- very good analytical work in the empirical part, clearly and convincingly presented research findings;
- the only more substantial criticism of the thesis: the research methodology neither represents an entirely distinctive quantitative approach nor an orthodox use of process tracing; in the quantitative-qualitative research model, there is also a good practice to quantitatively test all hypotheses and subsequently to put one or two cases to the qualitative test; the student could clarify his methodological procedure to the examination board and alternatively "put the record straight".

Minor criteria:

- excellent resources for the theoretical and empirical part of the thesis;
- appropriate style;
- sources not listed for figures.

Overall evaluation:

The presented paper significantly exceeds the standard of diploma theses in terms of contents and form. In almost all respects, the paper shows the author's full competence. The author proceeds and expresses himself with such a high degree of proficiency that we see in the texts of much more advanced researchers. The author should consider reworking the paper for future publication.

Paper meets the requirements of a diploma thesis. I recommend it for defense.

Suggested grade:

A

Signature:

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