



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Group radicalization in the context of Hybrid Warfare: 'Russian World' as an ideological framework for anti - Western radicalization.

Programme/year: ISSA

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	85



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The author has showed remarkably high level of analytical skills in his thesis. On the other hand, the empirical part deserves more attention after introducing general concepts. The empirical part seems to be confusing in terms of state-inspired radicalization and how it can be/has been done (what actors have been engaged, instruments used etc.). I'd expect more empirical proofs of how RW ideology had been used for HW through the radicalization process and explaining if it had been the only (or main) driving force for fighters on the Russian/separatist side? Besides, I imagine it can be hard to identify true motivation to join the fights - material vs. ideational - but which one prevails? Sometimes both incentives could be the reason for becoming a combatant, but it's not clear how to distinguish between them, especially when many of them could claim they fight for ideals even if the opposite is case. I can't see any reason why author talks about theory-building process-tracing, if he doesn't do theory-building (and admits it). Why he can't just talk about process-tracing?

Minor criteria:

Thesis meets all minor criteria requirements.

Overall evaluation:

Despite the shortcomings discussed above, author presented good work enhanced by high analytical skills. He should just pay more attention to the empirical part and less on explaining generally-known concepts (ideology etc.). Maybe more clarity in linking all those concepts together would be an asset, but A-grade still seems to be an appropriate evaluation of the author's thesis.

Suggested grade:

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