



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The rise of China in the global energy governance:
An analysis of China's international energy policy
strategy

Programme/year: SS/2019

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	6
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	15
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	20
<i>Total</i>		80	41
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	16
TOTAL		100	56



Evaluation

Major criteria:

It is certainly a topical issue in international relations, because China's growing influence cannot be ignored, either in Africa or globally. Although the title refers to the global dimension, the work focuses primarily on Africa, which is one of my first criticisms. Second, I perceived the research questions only implicitly, analogously to the hypothesis. For the purposes of the diploma thesis it is not enough to indicate the research goal, it is necessary to specify the research questions and hypotheses, which should be based on the chosen and justified theoretical framework. Why isn't it here?

Third, why did the student choose the theory of hegemonic stability when he does not compare another hegemon in the IR or in energy? Moreover, I do not find this theoretical input as sufficient.

Fourth, what methodology was used to find out that China was an energy hegemon - how did the student find out? The text only presents the facts, but without mentioning the research method.

Minor criteria:

Does China really respect the history and geography of the countries where it invests (p. 16)? Introduction and Conclusion are not numbered in the academic sphere. The list of sources used must be structured.

Overall evaluation:

The submitted work meets the requirements for diploma theses, although it has its gaps, but I recommend it for defense.

I appreciate the introduction of the developmental stages of the Chinese concept of energy security.

Suggested grade: **E**

Signature: