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Military Interventions in Civil Wars: The role of Foreign Direct Investments and Proxy Interventions in the Motivation to Intervene - Kamil Klosek

Examiner's Report on PhD Dissertation after the candidate's revisions

Following the first report submitted, where I had the opportunity to refer to the strengths and fragilities of the draft version of Kamil Klosek's PhD dissertation, as well as after the pre-defence that took place on the 24th of June, I had the opportunity to read the final version submitted along with the document prepared by the candidate. In this document, the candidate provides detailed and clearly explained information regarding the various revisions and changes undertaken for the final version. In my perspective, these changes respond well to the main issues and criticisms raised by the jury in the first round of defence and result in a final work that complies with all the required scientific and academic requisites for a phd defence.

Overall, chapters 1 and 2 were substantially revised and consolidated, addressing the main issues regarding relevance, justification and contribution, as well as main framing debates underlining the thesis. In particular, the fragilities and limitations raised in my first report regarding the theoretical part and the need for a clearer justification of the theoretical framework justification were thoroughly considered and the candidate has demonstrated the capacity to address them. The final version also provides a clearer and more coherent reference to the main hypotheses and arguments throughout the dissertation, which are now presented in a more articulated way. It also clarifies certain concepts, choices and approaches which were not as clear in the first draft, namely in chapters 2, 3 and 4 (eg., motivation-portfolio, intervention, etc).

In terms of research design and structure, the final version appears also to be more articulated and justified, with various methodological steps and choices also more clearly identified. Finally, I can confirm that the final dissertation is consolidated and diversified in terms of sources and references throughout the text, giving it a more robust scientific and academic quality.

It is thus my opinion that this dissertation qualifies for the PhD degree and is in condition to be defended in a formal viva defence.