

REPORT ON THE MASTER THESIS

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Title of the thesis:	Saudi Arabia's and Iran's Foreign Policy Towards U.S.-Designated Terrorist Organizations
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Referee (incl. titles):	Mgr. Bohumil Doboš, Ph.D.

Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the five numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Theoretical background:

The thesis is based on the realist reading of the international politics which is a relevant approach. The understanding of the theoretical approaches to the connection between states and non-state actors is adequate.

2) Contribution:

The thesis reflects upon an up-to-date and relevant topic. Its conclusions are relevant and the thesis itself brings a very interesting and highly educated analysis of the issue. The only issue is that the conclusion does not reflect upon the hypotheses set in the introduction thus decreasing the relevance of the thesis.

3) Methods:

Comparative methodology is selected and used well.

4) Literature:

The thesis uses wide range of relevant sources

5) Manuscript form:

The thesis does not include all formalities required by the faculty template. The citations are different (sometimes include publication name) throughout the text. Some citations are not correctly placed into the text (position vis-à-vis interpunction). Headlines not correctly placed (space between headline and beginning of page, last line of the page) and chapters are not numbered. The language used is on a high academic level.

***Box for the thesis supervisor only.** The thesis was originally well consulted, and the proposal well developed. Unfortunately, much of the work was done in short time right before the submission deadline which leads to many formal issues with the text.*

Suggested questions for the defence are:

Is the role of Turkey in the Middle East somehow relevant for your recommendations?

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Theoretical background (max. 20 points)</i>	20
<i>Contribution (max. 20 points)</i>	15
<i>Methods (max. 20 points)</i>	20
<i>Literature (max. 20 points)</i>	20
<i>Manuscript form (max. 20 points)</i>	3
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	78
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	C

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Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honour)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honour)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.