



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	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	31
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	
TOTAL		100	88

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis engages an important debate in terrorism studies – how do terrorist organizations end? It specifically focused on two major ethno-separatist organizations in Europe – ETA and IRA. It reviews the existing literature on the demise of terrorist organizations and discusses three possible ways of groups' disintegration, transformation and defeat, as well as key factors relevant to groups' survival in the long run. These conceptual insights are then relatively well integrated in the empirical case studies of ETA and IRA, albeit they are at times a bit too descriptive.



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This is partly a consequence of the long-durée historical perspective, but also a result of the absence of discourse analysis which was originally envisaged as a contribution of the thesis. The two short sub-chapters on discourses and narratives of ETA and IRA are not full-fledged in this regard.

Minor criteria:

No major issues found.

Overall evaluation:

Overall, this thesis meets the relevant criteria and I recommend it for defense.

Suggested grade:

2+/B1

Signature:

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