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**	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	37
Total		*80*	77
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	**10**	10
	Style	**5**	4
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		*20*	19
TOTAL		*100*	96

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis intends to investigate the seeming convergence of AI ethics debates in the U.S. and China. It is clearly an outstanding paper, defining a completely original research agenda, offering a relevant conceptualisation, and performing a strong methodological treatment of a large volume of relevant data, which were collected for the first time. I do not have any critical reflections apart from minor language issues, making the text less comprehensible. I indeed appreciate the very connection of the notion of epistemic communities and network analysis, as it is another fully original analytical intervention. Not only is the thesis strong in all its parts but it also brings about relevant results in terms of enriching the concept of epistemic community as well as providing clear answers to the empirical research question.

Minor criteria:

As mentioned above, there minor language issues that I gladly overlook given overall quality of the thesis.

Overall evaluation:

All in all, this is perhaps the most original student paper that I have seen in a long time and the analysis is performed to the highest of standards.

Suggested grade:

A1

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