



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Evolution of Turkish foreign policy in the Middle East Case of intervention in Syria

Programme/year: ISSA

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	4
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	16
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	19
<i>Total</i>		80	39
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	59



Evaluation

Major criteria: This is a descriptive thesis with minimal original contribution. The author traces back the evolution of Turkish foreign policy with no obvious reason: she explains it by the need to give the readership some understanding of the phenomenon, but, unfortunately, she only covers what appears to be the central theme of her article in the last chapter that contains several pages. The descriptive part itself – the core of the thesis – offers a mere summary of events. It is not driven by theory; it lacks conceptualization; and it doesn't bring any unknown perspectives, rather drawing on a rereading of some well-known and little known secondary literature. The thesis lacks reasonable conceptualization or theorization – what the author claims to be her theoretical lens is rather a brief overview of paradigmatic debates with little to no relevance to the studied phenomenon.

Minor criteria:

I have found formal requirements to be generally met.

Overall evaluation:

Unfortunately, the thesis is a descriptive summary of some major events of Turkish FP with little to no added value.

Suggested grade: E

Signature: Emil Aslan