



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: UN peacekeeping in the early 1990s: Evaluation of the outcomes of second-generation operations with Chapter VII mandates

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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	35
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	
TOTAL		100	91

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis covers a topic which has already received plenty of scholarly attention in general. There is also a growing body of literature on the specific aspect of evaluation of (lack of) success of peacekeeping operations, in particular those conducted under UN flag. The thesis contains a decent review of this literature, from which the author selected the evaluation framework elaborated by Paul Diehl and Daniel Druckman. This is a good choice since this is arguably the most elaborate framework published up to date. Similarly, the selection of case studies is well justified.



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The thesis has a clear research question and appropriate structure. While some sections still rely excessively on another major monograph in this research area (Understanding Peacekeeping by Alex J. Bellamy and Paul D. Williams), the final version of the thesis is much better supported by both secondary and primary sources than the earlier versions. In particular, the case studies now include specific hard data for the selected evaluation criteria from major databases and indexes. The selection and collection of this data could have been explained in the first section in the methodology section, rather than in the empirical chapters. While more data could certainly still be added and the author could have gone more into depth in the case studies, from my perspective both their length and depth is sufficient for the purposes of an M.A. thesis.

Minor criteria:

No comments.

Overall evaluation:

The thesis certainly meets the general requirements for this type of work. I, therefore, recommend the thesis to be defended.

Suggested grade:

A2

Signature:

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