

REPORT ON THE MASTER THESIS

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

Title of the thesis:	The effect of climate change on the effect of state security: An analysis of Burkina Faso and Djibouti
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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Theoretical background (max. 20)</i>	18
<i>Contribution (max. 20)</i>	20
<i>Methods (max. 20)</i>	18
<i>Literature (max. 20)</i>	20
<i>Manuscript form (max. 20)</i>	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100)	94
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the 5 numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Theoretical background:

The presented master thesis has clearly defined theoretical framework based on the linkage between state security and climate change effects. Lucas has clearly conceptualized and defined both terms including the effects a climate change can have on the state security. Relevant sources are quoted and data provided. Clear theoretical background gives Luca a solid base for his analysis of the case studies – Burkina Faso and Djibouti – both facing deteriorating environmental conditions, namely water scarcity.

2) Contribution:

What I value the most is an originality and topicality of the paper, and objective analysis. The analytical/emipirical part is of high research quality which exceeds my early expectations. Luca has demonstrated independent scientific thinking and originality and overall competence in the field. Presented conclusions are well justified and well-grounded.

3) Methods:

Methodology and methods (both quantitative and qualitative) is clearly explained and it is a strong part of the paper. Lucas has decided to use the SFI for his comparative analysis. FSI designed as an early warning system clearly shows certain limits for this type of research, but author is well aware of limitations the SFI suffers from. Nevertheless, it is rational and relevant decision to use is for this type of research.

4) Literature:

Literature search is sufficient and Lucas has gathered rather a significant amount of empirical data. I can imagine more theoretical literature on state security and climate change to be discussed, but the core of the paper is its empirical part, where theoretical concepts are clearly applied.

5) Manuscript form:

The paper is presented appropriately for our standards and meets all formal criteria (language, style, cohesion, structure, length etc.). Given the work process, there are some minor shortcomings.

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