



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Multiple Peace Operations in Mali

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	36
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	
TOTAL		100	91

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The reviewed thesis explores a relatively underexplored topic of multiple peace operations. Specifically, it focuses on the question why did France support the establishment of multiple simultaneous peace operations in Mali?

The author offers a solid review the existing literature on multiple simultaneous peace operations, which offer several insights regarding the interests of various actors to either establish or participate in such operations. These insights are then relatively well applied in the empirical discussion of the French role in several missions in Mali. While it would have been valuable to offer more insights into the interest of other states and IGOs intervening in Mali, the French role has arguably



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been crucial. The thesis therefore brings interesting findings regarding the interests of the “lead-countries” in simultaneous peace operations.

Overall, the thesis is well structured and overall quite well written, albeit some parts could use further elaboration. The author has managed to find, read and incorporate key insights from the relevant literature. The list of references is extensive for an MA thesis.

As the supervisor, I also want to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. Novotný when it comes to incorporating most of my recommendations and criticisms on the earlier drafts of this thesis.

Minor criteria:

There are minor stylistic issues throughout the thesis.

Overall evaluation:

The thesis still 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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