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Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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| Criteria | Definition | Maximum | Points |
|----------------|--|---------|--------|
| Major Criteria | | | |
| | Research question, definition of objectives | 10 | 7 |
| | Theoretical / conceptual framework | 30 | 19 |
| | Methodology, analysis, argument | 40 | 23 |
| Total | | 80 | 49 |
| Minor Criteria | | | |
| | Sources | 10 | 8 |
| | Style | 5 | 3 |
| | Formal requirements | 5 | 3 |
| Total | | 20 | 14 |
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| TOTAL | | 100 | 63 |

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Evaluation

Major criteria:

The author resubmits the thesis after an unfavourable result of the first attempt to defend it. While I appreciate the effort devoted to the changes presented in the second version, there are still shortcomings that cannot be overlooked.

Firstly, the author tries to tackle two analytically disparate issues in a single text – namely, the causes of migration (related to the Middle East) and the effects migration causes in a host country (i.e. the United Kingdom). While there are obvious links between the former and the latter, the dissertation does not (and, in a sense, cannot) find a bridge which would conceptually unit the two aspects in a single research problem.

Secondly, the "theoretical background" the author advertises in the title of chapter 3 falls short of the ambition which is signalled. The chapter presents general conceptualization(s) of migration but falls short of distilling a clear theoretical or conceptual research guidelines, specific for the thesis itself.

Thirdly, the second substantive part of the thesis (chapter 4), while tackling a interesting issues, struggles to find a clear link to security studies as a discipline within which the dissertation is defended.

Minor criteria:

The writing style and language of the dissertation is acceptable, and the author has addressed some of the issues from the previous version, including the format of the list of sources.

Overall evaluation:

While the dissertation covers a highly relevant topic and presents a substantial load of information thereon, in a generally well-structured and accessible way, it still – even after the resubmission – struggles to find a clearly defined research design and an appropriate analytical edge to address it.

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Suggested grade: **D**

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