

NUMASTER'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT

IEPS – International Economic and Political Studies

Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Kurdistan Regional Government: Internal Political Conflict as Factors of Failed Referendum of Independence
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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	50	42
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	15	13
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	15	10
<i>Total</i>		80	65
Minor Criteria			
	Sources, literature	10	7
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	5	4
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	16
TOTAL		100	81

Plagiarism-check (URKUND) match score:

The thesis does not include any plagiarism

Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria The work focuses on a highly important and relevant topic of the internal context of the Iraqi Kurdish failure to obtain independence with a special focus on the 2017 referendum. The author is clearly very knowledgeable on the topic and presents a credible overview of the historical developments and internal issues related to the case. The thesis is rooted in a conceptual debate over unrecognized states and is developed as a single case study which is relevant for the topic. There are, however, some weak points that must be reflected. First, the author's own input is rather limited, thus decreasing the analytical value of the thesis. Additionally, the theoretical framework might have been more clearly presented and larger number of sources discussed. In general, however, the thesis presents a very compelling case and develops a highly relevant analysis of the issue that allows for the answering of the set research question.

Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): B

Suggested questions for the defence are:

Is there, in your opinion, in the near future, a possibility for Iraqi Kurdistan independence?

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

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TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.