



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Post-Horseshoe Theory: Commonalities and Interactions between the European far right and Islamism

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| Criteria | Definition | Maximum | Points |
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| Major Criteria | | | |
| | Research question, definition of objectives | 10 | 8 |
| | Theoretical/conceptual framework | 30 | 25 |
| | Methodology, analysis, argument | 40 | 35 |
| <i>Total</i> | | <i>80</i> | <i>68</i> |
| Minor Criteria | | | |
| | Sources | 10 | 8 |



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| | Style | 5 | 3 |
| | Formal requirements | 5 | 3 |
| <i>Total</i> | | <i>20</i> | 14 |
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| TOTAL | | 100 | 82 |

Evaluation

Major criteria: I have mixed feelings about this project. On the one hand, the author has carried out research into a fascinating topic. The use of diaspora communities by Turkey and Russia has long been a major phenomenon in European politics, yet it has so far eschewed the scholarly attention it deserves. The author has chosen an important and complex topic. He has made efforts to focus it on appropriate Rqs. He has carried out impressive empirical research. Yet at the same time, there are several shortcomings worth mentioning. First and foremost, the comparative perspective is rather shallow. I would appreciate a more robust focus on the differences and similarities between the cases of Turkish and Russian diaspora communities accompanied by some explanations.



This relates to another shortcoming: a proper research problem is missing: the author does rightly place his research in the realm of diaspora studies and makes a step father conceptualizing the relationship in the framework of the principal – agent paradigm. While I do appreciate both perspectives (particularly the latter), I think that a narrower focus within diaspora studies on the instrumentalization of diaspora communities – or transnational citizenship – would have done the thesis a favor. There is, after all, a large body of lit on how governments make use of their ethnic kin (or ex-citizens – or citizens) abroad to boost their tout. This is, unfortunately, missing in the text.

Minor criteria: The structure is somewhat messy. The methods section should come as the last one within the introduction block. Individual chapters are pieced together in a rather non-intuitive way, to say the least. I would appreciate a clear structure informed by the Rqs and research problem. The reader is often lost wondering how some parts of the thesis relate to each other and what's the message they want to deliver. Some empirical sections are rather superficial.

Assessment of plagiarism:

Overall evaluation: A strong research idea; some important efforts made, yet the overall execution is doubtful. The thesis would need an extra month or so – and a better underpinning in the research problem – to come close to its (strong) potential.

Suggested grade: B

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