



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The French nuclear deterrence adaptation to the post 2nd World War strategic environment

Programme/year:

Author of Evaluation (second reader):

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	92



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis brings along and synthesizes valuable knowledge on the history of French nuclear thinking. Besides the many strengths of this thesis, there are three avenues for possible improvement. First, there could have been more discussion of the contributions of this thesis to the existing literature, especially as this thesis makes such contributions indeed. Second, the link between the theoretical and empirical parts of this work could have been stronger. Third, there could have been more insights into the used methodology. On a minor note, some sub-sections could have been linked more explicitly to France. For example, a bit more attention could have been devoted to explaining the role of France within NATO while discussing the general concept of MAD. Similarly, more explanation could have been provided of why a separate section on Russian nuclear posture was necessary. However, none of these issues compromises the overall quality of this thesis.

Minor criteria:

This thesis fulfills all the formal requirements.

Assessment of plagiarism:

Not detected.

Overall evaluation:

This thesis exceeds expectations of a standard Master's thesis, not only in terms of its length but also in terms of its content.

Suggested grade: A

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