



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	39
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	77
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	97



## **Evaluation**

### **Major criteria:**

This is an excellent thesis on a topic, which deserves attention but has been dramatically understudied, i.e. ideological underpinning of United Kingdom's foreign policy to/vs Russian Federation, cross-regionally, and diachronically. The research design is sound, as well as the review of the existing literature which enables the author to distil the phenomenon. While I wouldn't necessarily talk about theoretical and ethical dimension of British governmental liberalism vis-à-vis British governmental FP postures (they are ideologies derived from political philosophy mainly and adjusted, inside-out, to spread a set of principles), the actual analysis is great (incl. the related annexes). The empirical dual analysis is sound, penetrating and accurate in its conclusions. As for the formatting, style, formal requirements, all is in order here. I grade it A.

### **Minor criteria:**

### **Assessment of plagiarism:**

Not detected.

### **Overall evaluation:**

I suggest a grade: A, for details, see above.

### **Signature:**



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