

Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The 'new right' The English Defence League and PEGIDA

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	5
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	15
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	25
Total		80	45
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	7
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
Total		20	16
TOTAL		100	61



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Assessed thesis is a resubmission of previously undefended work, which I did not recommend for defense. (My original evaluation should serve for reference.) Since then the thesis has been markedly improved. It has preserved its original strength in readability and deep knowledge of empirics, and supplemented missing analytical dimension. The thesis benefits from two new theoretical sections that are grounded in the literature on islamophobia and development of social movements. Admittedly, this improvement is still far from perfect. The discussion of literature on islamophobia appears a bit redundant as it is not further utilized to study the empirics. Furthermore, the communication between thesis' core theoretical section on development of social movement and empirical section that describes two real social movements is limited as the work remains predominantly descriptive.

Minor criteria:

Some scholarly literature has been supplemented to the benefit of the thesis. Yet the sources should have certainly been richer. The key theoretical part on four stages of development of social movements appears to be built on a single source that is likely EBSCO research starter (only author's name and title can be found in the list of references hence it is impossible to determine original source with full accuracy).

Overall evaluation:

The thesis is still far from excellent. Depth of analysis is limited and theoretical part is a bit superficial. However, the previous work has now been sufficiently improved to be defensible.

Suggested grade: Good

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