



Supervisor's MA thesis Review

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Title: *The modalities of intervention in failed states from a critical perspective*

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The thesis focuses on the modalities of peace and nation-building oriented intervention adopted by the international community in the “failed state”. The author intends to critically assess the unified and ideologically grounded framework that is built around several liberal preconceptions and does not reflect the specific conditions on the ground.

The thesis is theoretically well-grounded in the “liberal peace literature” that is most prominently represented by Oliver Richmond. The theoretical discussion is well-written, even if it could be a bit more expanded both in terms of theoretical points/issues and sources. Nevertheless, Richmond’s framework is relevant and analytically effective.

From the empirical point of view Fabio has chosen three cases – Somaliland, Bosnia, Afghanistan. The analysis of the first one is definitely the most convincing one. That said, it would be beneficial for the thesis if the selection of the cases was more effectively explain. For example, each of the cases could be potentially analytically used to reveal some specific failures or potential positive measurements.



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In sum, Fabio's thesis offers an interesting theoretical argument which is only partially empirically illustrated. The argumentation is further disturbed by the stylistic and grammar errors that could have been erased during the final editing process. My evaluation also reflects the fact that Fabio was the only one from the first MISS class submitting the thesis on time which also corresponds with the experience we have had with him throughout his studies.

Evaluation: A/B

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