

Evaluation of the bachelor thesis written by Joosep Grents: „The Complexities of Hybrid Warfare. A Study in Contemporary Military History.“

The bachelor thesis is written both on a very high theoretical and methodological level. It is dealing with extremely contemporary topic using a wide scope of relevant literature both in English and in Russian.

The thesis discusses the contemporary literature on the hybrid warfare. After that, it is developing a theoretical framework based on Siniša Malešević concepts of cumulative bureaucratization of coercion and centrifuga ideologization to make a sound comparison between the Second Lebanon War and Russian incursions in Ukraine. As a result, it is proposing two new analytical categories of Hybrid Warfare: General Hybrid Warfare and Specific Hybrid Warfare.

The bachelor thesis is highly ambitious, however the final thesis is of a very high quality of theoretical and methodological insight. The quality of the bachelor thesis is rather on the level of a master thesis or even of a doctoral dissertation.

Possible questions for the defense:

1. If possible, could you sum up the the most important findings concerning the similarities and differences of the Second Lebanon War and the conflict in the eastern Ukraine?
2. What is historically new and what is old regarding the so called hybrid warfare in general?
3. What are the possible relations between so called asymmetric conflicts and the hybrid warfare?
4. Do you think it could be useful for building or developing the theory of hybrid warfare to build on historical sociology (Max Weber, Norbert Elias, Charles Tilly)?

I strongly support some kind of publication of the bachelor thesis (in form of a paper, book chapter etc.) and propose grade excellent („vyborny“).

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