Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Predicting Conflicts via Maternal Mortality Rates? Human Security and the Emergence of Armed Conflict

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	**10**	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	**30**	35
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	39
Total		***80***	78
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	**10**	10
	Style	**5**	5
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		***20***	20
TOTAL		***100***	98

Evaluation

Major criteria:

This superb thesis investigates the relationship between human insecurity and conflict emergence, with a reference cross-county timeframe of 20 years. Rather than beginning with a conceptualization approach to the human security debate, the thesis embraces the "operationalization" approach with the utilization of statistical method. With the use of regression, the author takes a randomly selected set of human security indicators to show that the latter approach is more suitable for our understanding of conflict dynamics, especially their beginnings and associated attempt to prevent them. The use of regression by the author, as well as her meticulous compilation of the dataset, is at the level which easily surpasses the standard for this type of work. The author's extracurricular experience is visible in her penchant for this topic, as well as from her orientation of selected indicators. This is a rare thesis which demonstrates high calibre research potential of the author. Not only do I recommend this thesis to be awarded the grade excellent, but I too suggest it for the Dean's appreciation note and subsequently recommend the publication of the thesis in an academic journal.

Minor criteria:

All of them exceeding the standard set for this type of work.

Overall evaluation:

Excellent

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Suggested grade:

Excellent

Signature:

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