



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **Women in CIA: From Typists to Trailblazers?**

Programme/year: Bezpečnostní studia/2016

Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	21
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	34
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	65
<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>	85



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The thesis investigates a hitherto little explored topic of female employees of CIA. The author could explore this topic due to the recent release of CIA collection of 120 unclassified documents tracing the evolution of view of its female workforce. Moreover, the roles of women in the intelligence community in general is still a topic that certainly deserves further research.

The thesis has a clear research question – *How has the role of women within CIA evolved since the end of the WW2?* – and it is well structured to answer this question. Following a proper introduction of the research topic and research question, the author offers a solid literature review of both intelligence studies and the evolution of the US intelligence community. Liberal feminist theory provides a suitable grounding of thesis. However, theoretical chapter could use further engagement with existing feminist IR literature and do a better job of capturing the key insight of various streams of feminist IR scholarship. Similarly, the treatment of liberal feminist theory and the subsequent application of its key postulates in the empirical chapters of the thesis, could be further improved. Nevertheless, in terms of empirical analysis, the chapters devoted to the analysis of the evolution of women's roles in the CIA are well organized and written, with plenty of references to both primary and secondary sources.

### Minor criteria:

### Overall evaluation:

Overall, the thesis certainly meets the standard criteria for this type of academic work. I therefore recommend this thesis to be defended.

Suggested grade: 1-2

Signature:



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