



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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

Programme/year: Master in International Security Studies

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	3
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	5
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	15
<i>Total</i>		80	23
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	5
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	15
TOTAL		100	38



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis offers interesting empirical study on two radical social movements German PEGIDA and UK based English Defence League. It is well written, nice to read and contains good overview of the two movements. However, the thesis is in desperate absence of an essential research framework and overall, there is rather little analysis as it is dominated by mere description. The introduction introduces the two movements that are of interest, but not the research that is undertaken. The research question is murky at best. The literature review contains zero references to the existing body of scholarly literature and fails to situate the thesis into the burgeoning work on radicalization or an extensive scholarship on social movements. The methodological section that goes by with only five sentences a bit overshot economy of effort. The empirical chapters are pleasant to read. Yet unguided by a proper research question, the empirical part culminates in anecdotal comparison of the two movements. While the conclusion contains some interesting observations, these needs to be related more to the rest of the work.

Minor criteria:

The thesis has nice style and grammar. It also benefits from a good deal of sources. However, having said that, I must also note that some sources notably scholarly literature on social movements and radicalization are underutilized.

Overall evaluation:

This thesis is nice to read and contains empirical data to serve valuable analysis. Yet this analysis is yet to be supplied. While I am sympathetic to the author's effort this purely empirical study fails to deliver what is expected from master thesis at this department.



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Suggested grade:

Unsatisfactory (4)

Signature:

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