



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: A Discourse Analysis of the Crimean Speech (Vladimir Putin's
Testimony)

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	37
<i>Total</i>		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	92



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The presented thesis looks at the discourse used by president Putin in his major speeches related to the situation in Ukraine. I am generally very satisfied with this definitive version which resulted from a few rounds of draft improvements.

I appreciate the conceptual-methodological framework which combines general constructivist perspective with methodological concepts inspired by CDA and mainly HDA. The framework is then effectively operationalised through several types of appeals that allow linguistically oriented discourse interpretation and efficient categorization of rich empirics.

Empirically, the thesis builds on primary resources of Putin's speeches that are interpreted through the appeal categories.

Following the strong conceptual and methodological framework the thesis offers an interesting interpretation. Overall, the thesis has a strong analytical character as it follows a clear argumentative track.

Minor criteria:

The thesis reads very well, has a rich resource base and does not suffer from any formal problems.

Overall evaluation:

This is a methodologically as well as empirically strong thesis. Although the results might not be surprising, the detailed analysis of the discourse supported by contextualisation actually reveal interesting moments that



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add to the debate on Russian perception of Ukraine (or even Near Abroad)

Suggested grade:

Excellent

Signature: Vít Střítecký