



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: DILEMMA OF WEAPONISED DRONE TECHNOLOGY: **THE ARGUMENT AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR DEPLOYMENT**

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	33
<i>Total</i>		80	65
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	84



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis intends to investigate legitimising strategies utilized by the U.S. administrations in case of the weaponised drones' deployment. The thesis offers a clear definition of goals as well as effective research design.

Major shortcoming relates to the theoretical inconsistency and gap between theoretical and empirical part. More specifically, the analytical categories are only indirectly connected with the debate on realism and liberalism – the connections are hinted throughout the text but the linkages are not specific and remain unclear.

Additionally, the analytical categories work effectively as instruments structuring the drone debate but could have been designed in a more discursive fashion, particularly if the thesis methodologically draws inspiration from also from the post-structuralist enterprise.

Empirically, the thesis is very strong while the drone debate has an analytical and argumentative character. That said, I would appreciate stronger conclusions.

Minor criteria:

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

Overall evaluation:

The presented thesis offers a nicely structured drone debate, however lacks a solid theoretical foundation.



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Suggested grade:

Very Good

Signature: Vít Střítecký