



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: A shifting network of expertise: Swiss intelligence services

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	37
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>	71
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	93



## **Evaluation**

### Major criteria:

This is an outstanding thesis revealing several strengths and basically no weaknesses.

The analysis of intelligence, particularly of intelligence as institutions, are always very tricky. Not only that there is an obvious data problem but there is a general lack of potentially relevant concepts. Seen from this perspective the thesis indeed contributes to the field as it brings critical security scholarship to the area of intelligence studies (critical intelligence studies are quite rare). Even more so, I really appreciate the conceptual turn approaching (critical) sociological enterprise of expertise. Indeed, this seems to be not only an innovative step but also analytically very effective move opening up approachable analytical space in the area of intelligence.

Further, I appreciate the conceptual-methodological twist moving the traditional analysis of practices outside of a field while looking at space between the fields. Following the conceptual argument this provide a solid analytical instrument applicable on the tangible matter.

The design is well-thought and carefully formulated making the empirical work somewhat easier. However, the analysis of the evolution of the Swiss intelligence is strong and convincing. The conceptual-methodological framework works perfectly and Emilie makes fully use of it. I would say the depth and well-thought strategy could be better sold in the introduction.

### Minor criteria:

The thesis is very well-written, has a strong analytical character, and is very interesting (which I find more and more important). The resource base is very rich both in conceptual as well as empirical parts



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Overall evaluation:

The thesis reads as a professional text. The entire research was carefully designed and then performed. I tend to think about the thesis in absolute terms.

Suggested grade:

A

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