



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Unilateral Secession in International Law: The Cases of Kashmir and Catalonia

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		80	76
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	96



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Author has chosen a very current topic for the thesis. Author dealt with the issue of secession of states and the right to self-determination of the nation in the international public law in a comprehensive way. Author defined and clearly explained institutes and principles of the secession of states and the right to self-determination of the nation. Further, he dealt with the issue of decolonization, external and internal self-determination, recognition of state, terra nullius and non-self-governing territory.

In the second part the author analyzed the case of Kosovo secession and the case of Western Sahara and compared them with the current ongoing cases of Kashmir and Catalonia. He analyzed history of Kashmir and Catalonia and the ongoing conflict in India (Kashmir) and Spain (Catalonia), whether Kashmir and Catalonia have the right to unilaterally secede and what it might mean for them in the future. At the end of the thesis the author offered possible solutions of the conflicts in Kashmir and Catalonia.

Minor criteria:

Author wrote a high standard thesis and he also used a wide list of sources including a sufficient number of references and citations.

Overall evaluation:

The thesis is a comprehensive and clear excursion into the issue. Author demonstrated deep knowledge of the issue and ability of good argumentation. The thesis is an original and logically structured professional text.

The thesis meets the requirements of the diploma thesis and I recommend it for the defense.

Suggested grade: 96 points = A

Signature: Prague, 8th June 2019, JUDr. Miroslav Pulgret, Ph.D.