



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Changes in Turkey's Foreign Policy Toward Iran in the Davutoglu Era (2002-2012)

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	62
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	82



Evaluation

Major criteria:

A rather under-researched topic; the author has offered in-depth analytical insight with well-balanced conclusions. Empirically rigorous and well-argued, well-structured and organized.

Little theoretical value; the author has provided a review of FP analysis frameworks without actually engaging in the theoretical debate, which is a pity.

Minor criteria:

Good knowledge of Western-language literature and sources.

Several important Turkish-language sources are missing.

Overall evaluation:

This is a well-executed empirical analysis of Turkey's FP toward IRI in the studied period. It draws on the author's nuanced study of Turkish policy; is in-depth; offers interesting conclusions, yet at the same time, it fails to contribute to/reflect a more general state of knowledge on the causes of FP making. Given the author's efforts to grasp the empirical phenomenon in its complexity, the outcome is understandable as putting too many variables into one basket wouldn't have worked, either.

Suggested grade: 2

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