



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
<i>Total</i>		80	60
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	80

Evaluation



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Major criteria: This is a smart piece of research; it's well-organized, well-executed and argued; it draws on a range of literature and is evidence-based; and, last but not least, it is guided by a clearly formulated and fairly innovative RQ. The methodological section also makes a lot of sense.

I particularly applaud the author's work with Turkish sources which impart to the thesis critical insight that is often missing from theoretically-riched, but analytically-flawed works out on the marker.

The author does make several "student" mistakes in the process, for instance, placing the discussion on concepts *after* the theoretical/lit review and methodological sections, apart from misrepresenting some of the general literature on foreign policy making, etc. However, it is ambitious in its objectives and innovative in its approach.

Minor criteria:

See above.

At times, the author delves too much into empirical nuances which make his work slightly more descriptive than necessary.

Overall evaluation:

I consider this thesis a strong piece of research, definitely above the average. The author makes a strong case that is evidence-based, draws on good knowledge of theoretical and empirical literature, is analytically-rich and contributes to our knowledge of the researched phenomenon from both empirical (primarily) and also general (secondarily) perspectives.

Suggested grade:

80 (C)

Signature:

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