

## REPORT ON THE MASTER THESIS

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Intermarium concept in contemporary geopolitics</b>
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### **SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED** (for details, see below):

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Theoretical background (max. 20)</i>	20
<i>Contribution (max. 20)</i>	29
<i>Methods (max. 20)</i>	18
<i>Literature (max. 20)</i>	20
<i>Manuscript form (max. 20)</i>	18
<b>TOTAL POINTS (max. 100)</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)</b>	<b>Excellent</b>

### **Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the 5 numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).**

#### **1) Theoretical background:**

The submitted paper, a lengthy one, is based in a very solid theoretical framework (the author applies the epistemological view), which helps the author to conduct a detailed comparative analysis of the chosen topic.

#### **2) Contribution:**

What I strongly appreciate about this paper is a very strong historical overview that allows a reader a deep understanding of the roots of the researched concept, and its geopolitical context. The author has shown a very deep understanding of the research topic, orientation in a broader historical as well as the present-day context and his ability to apply historical implications of the concept on the current sub-regional cooperation between respective countries. Danylo has shown his ability to provide a comprehensive analysis of a methodologically and geopolitically complicated, but also immensely interesting and important problem and in the end to reveal many interesting facts that are not obvious at first glimpse (such as historically rooted national interests, background of this concept driven by variable both internal as well as external players and their motives).

#### **3) Methods:**

Methods applied throughout the thesis are clearly explained (including crucial factors of author's research). Danylo has defined two clear research question (1) Which of the previous concepts of the Intermarium are still possible to apply nowadays?, 2) What political conditions force the state to become a potential participant of the Intermarium?) that are systematically and thoroughly researched throughout the paper.

**4) Literature:**

The author has gathered a profound number of relevant resources of different nature that allowed him to conduct rather a massive comparative work, it's clear that he has done his research very dutifully and with a lot of focus on detail.

**5) Manuscript form:**

The paper meets all formal criteria required by the Faculty of Social Sciences. The author has regularly consulted his thesis with his supervisor.

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