



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **The Positions of Visegrad Countries Towards the European Policy on Illegal Immigration and Asylum**

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
<i>Total</i>		80	61
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	79



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Clearly defined conceptual / theoretical framework, suitably chosen concepts for the intended analysis: neo-realism, institutionalism and push-pull factors. Efficient work with resources, their wider spectrum and number, as well as the number of links.

Formulation of hypothesis and research questions, which could have been more general.

Minor criteria:

The analyzed issue is framed by the Arab Spring and MENA countries as a source region of immigration, towards which the whole of Europe, the EU, must take a position in foreign policy, and the Visegrad states. While the Visegrad Group is devoted to enough space, the Arab Spring as the main impulse of the European migration crisis of recent years, not so much.

However, given the position of the graduate, the Arab Spring theme is a sensitive issue.

Part of the thesis is devoted to the issue of geopolitics of Central Europe, which may partly explain the attitude of the V-4 countries.

Unfortunately, the resource list is not structured.

Overall evaluation:

The theme is highly topical, politically explosive, so it needs to be evaluated positively. The diploma thesis is based on a hypothesis adequate to the theoretical framework, working with research questions.

I consider the submitted work, the way of its elaboration as appropriate and I like to recommend these theses for defense at the state exams.

Suggested grade: **B**

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