



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: LGBTQ issues of the right to asylum and the refugee status

Programme/year: MAIN/2019

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	6
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	15
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	23
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>	44
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	6
	Style	<b>5</b>	3
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	56



## Evaluation

Major criteria: The thesis comes with important topic of treating LGBT persons as a social group when considering the status of refugee. Unfortunately, the research design of the thesis is rather underdeveloped. It is not really clear what the Author is after through the thesis. The research question (p. 3) in its first part *Do the LGBTQ people fit into the protected categories under refugee protection?* indicates that the focus will be on the legal status, eventually on the implementation of the international law. The second part of the RQ leads to practical and normative aspects of the problem, indicating the empirical focus. Nevertheless, there is no clear strategy described that would indicate how these questions are to be approached, what criteria are used to test the existence of LGBTQ as a social group in the process of recognition of the status of refugees in various countries etc. While chapters 2 and 3 describe the legal documents that regulate the status of refugees in international law adequately, chapter 4 is supposed to present cases but only summarizes what the situation is in some European countries without really engaging with the cases in more detail. More so, most of the coverage of this chapter is based on a single publication, clearly using secondary references, i.e. references used in the publication as Author's own.

Minor criteria: The text of the thesis would need more attention in terms of editing both from the language perspective and the work with sources and references to them. I also miss at least elementary assessment of the literature on the topic that would provide the general setting of the work.

Overall evaluation: All in all, the thesis meets the criteria for the MA thesis but on a lower level of the classification scale.

Suggested grade: E

Signature:



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