



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Securitization of HIV/AIDS in South Africa, 2000-2018

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	29
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	39
<i>Total</i>		80	78
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	98



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The overall structure is clear, thesis is well written. The topic and RQs are well explained and contextualized (both theoretically and empirically). The importance of the topic / contribution of the thesis to the existing literature is described clearly and convincingly. The methodology and methods used are adequate and well explained.

The literature review is sufficient, but fairly descriptive. It would be beneficial for the thesis to highlight the connections of the described literature to the thesis in this section.

The theoretical part is well structured and includes the description of the theory itself, as well as its critique and limitations.

The sections focused on South Africa offer a deep empirical insight into the issue of HIV/AIDS, connecting the medical/health context to demographic, social, economic and political realities of South Africa. This is another significant contribution of the thesis to the existing literature.

The conclusion offers a good summary of the research results – the avenues for future research mentioned at the end could be deepened and extended (this is just a side note).

Minor criteria:

Writing style and format corresponds to a high standard of a diploma thesis. The use of language is clear, sections are well structured and logical.

Overall evaluation:

The thesis meets (and often greatly exceeds) the standards that apply.

Suggested grade:

A

Signature:

Katarína Svitková, 26.8.2019