



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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| Criteria | Definition | Maximum | Points |
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| Major Criteria | | | |
| | Research question, definition of objectives | 10 | 10 |
| | Theoretical / conceptual framework | 30 | 28 |
| | Methodology, analysis, argument | 40 | 36 |
| <i>Total</i> | | 80 | 74 |
| Minor Criteria | | | |
| | Sources | 10 | 10 |
| | Style | 5 | 5 |
| | Formal requirements | 5 | 5 |
| <i>Total</i> | | 20 | 20 |
| TOTAL | | 100 | 94 |



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The text comes very close to representing a 'textbook example' of an excellent diploma thesis. With a minor reservation, outlined below, it features all the necessary components: A most pertinent topic, strong theoretical anchoring, rigorous research design and inspired analysis, clearly aware of its potential limits which it skilfully avoids. Moreover, the author has demonstrated not just her competence but also evident dedication to and affinity for the topic she covers. Sexual violence counts amongst the most sensitive issues in conflict studies, and the author handles it with appropriate care and magisterial command.

The aforementioned critical point concerns the operationalization of the thesis's theoretical framework. The author ably portrays the wide scope of perspectives of the topic, but somewhat fails to distil from the review a theoretical conceptualization of her own. Had she done so, she might have been able to sharpen the analysis and its conclusion by an additional bit, potentially giving the thesis a more innovative edge.

Minor criteria:

Not only has the thesis been thoroughly researched and nicely structured, it is also superbly written – with precise formulations and a lively touch that makes it a pleasant read, despite the weight of the topic it covers.

Overall evaluation:

Nicely balanced thesis with a strong theoretical basis, rigorous methodology and complex analysis.

Suggested grade: **A**

Signature:



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