



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Contemporary Challenges of Space Debris Removal: Overview and Outlook

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	Style	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>92</b>



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The author proved a remarkable knowledge about the topic and presents many interesting and relevant points related to the thesis topic. The author is looking at the problematics of space debris removal through realist prism, however, the theory is not sufficiently discussed which causing a minor setback in overall performance. Though the theory is somewhat underdeveloped, the policy focus of the thesis compensates for this minor deficiency. Nevertheless, the final product slightly differs from the thesis proposal that appeared to be more state-oriented. Hence, the author is eventually to some extent neglecting the role of rivalry/competition between major space powers when solving space debris and related issues – as would be otherwise expected due to the realist nature of the thesis. In this regard, I am missing a broader discussion over legally binding and non-binding measures in an international context. During the defence, the author should therefore focus on this and explain the difference and significance between binding and non-binding mechanisms, especially in connection to the U.S, Russia, and China's space policy and discuss the role of private entities in this regard.

### Minor criteria:

The thesis meets all formal requirements and is clearly and understandably written. The author is working with a substantial number of relevant sources and structures the thesis in a proper manner in an appropriate style.

### Overall evaluation:

The thesis introduced an important and timely topic. The author proved deep knowledge about the problematics, and the results are well-presented. The overall execution of the thesis is noteworthy, and therefore I am proposing grade A.

Suggested grade: A2

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