



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	21
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	35
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	65
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	85



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The dissertation analyses issues involved in the Russian-U.S. cooperative counter cyber terrorism efforts. The research falls into a broader issue category which deals with the question of why we do not see international regime developments in certain areas. Rather counterintuitively, however intentionally, the dissertation does not utilise regime theory (non-formation) but focuses on cultural and strategic contexts. These contexts are identified as the major obstacle which stymies the cooperation.

To achieve such a goal, literature from the study of strategic cultures is used to show the difficulties involved in building cooperation efforts or regimes. The attempted transfer of this body of literature could be more careful and as it stands and is presented works mostly at the intuitive level. That said, interesting opportunities are opened by this move for the empirical analysis which dominates the dissertation. This is mostly due to the fact that it incorporates historical, institutional, and political contexts.

The research is empirically robust, well-crafted, and even if suffering from certain methodological deficiencies, it still offers an unconventional view on the U.S.-Russian dynamics in the cyber space-oriented issues.

### Minor criteria:

The major formal requirements are observed and the bibliography is substantial.

### Overall evaluation:

In sum, the dissertation could definitely benefit from a more solid methodological grounding, however, the empirical analysis is insightful and unconventional, showing an honest research effort.



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