



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical / conceptual framework	30	29
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		<i>80</i>	<i>76</i>
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>20</i>
TOTAL		100	96



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation features three main (and major) strong points: First, the choice of a very interesting case (an outlier from a nation-wide trend). The situation of the *banlieues* in France draws considerable attention as they provide evidence of the failure of social integration of a certain category of citizens – which, to add insult to injury, the state seeks to ‘solve’ through securitizing the problems originating in these areas. The author makes a compelling argument that Marseille has long resisted the trend (though, as he notes at the end of the text, things have started to change here in this regard).

Second, the author logically chooses the securitization theory as the dissertation’s conceptual anchor. In contrast to numerous other attempts at its application, here it is used with full knowledge of its key properties and evolution, and in a fruitful combination with the framing theory. Its application on the case is impeccably justified and surely handled.

The triad is completed by a knowledgeable use of disciplined interpretative case study as a methodology. As in the case of the theory, also here the choice makes perfect sense as it is intimately linked to the contours of a case (Marseille) in a wider case (France) which requires a conceptual framework not for generalization but as a guide for deeper and complex understanding.

All the aforementioned three elements eventually click together and build a firm foundation for the empirical analysis of the case, which, in itself, is revealing and illuminating.

Minor criteria:

The formal elements (sources, referencing) are handled on a professional level. So is the language, which adds yet another layer of the dissertation’s qualities – apart from other aspects, it is also a pleasure to read.



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Overall evaluation:

A flawless combination of an interesting case, appropriate theoretical framework and shrewdly selected methodology, topped with fine, complex analysis and packaged in nicely handled formal aspects.

Suggested grade: **A**

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