



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: What is the The Strategic Impact of Chinese Anti-Access and Area Denial Capabilities on the Offence-Defence Balance in East Asia? A Comparative Case Study of the United States and Japan

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	39
<i>Total</i>		80	77
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	95



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis follows a logical structure; it contains all the mandatory parts. It employs original theoretical framework and clear methodological approach.

Minor criteria:

There is a limited number of typos but the text is readable and understandable. Author has incorrectly cited the name of Tang Shiping. Tang is a surname and Shiping is a first name.

Overall evaluation:

Author proved his ability to write academic text. There are no major issues concerning the text. On page 25 author has mentioned that Chinese territorial claims are unspecific. Question for the defence is why does the author think that Chinese territorial claims are not specific taking into the consideration China's core interests. Another question for the author is whether he thinks that Chinese foreign policy is assertive or aggressive based on the cases of East China Sea and South China Sea.

Suggested grade: A

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