



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Analysis of Russian policy on the development of Artificial Intelligence in the military

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	30
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	67
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	8
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	85



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

Ksenia's diploma thesis engages highly timely and topical issue in strategic studies. The ongoing Russian war on Ukraine is the latest manifestation of the clash between Russia's deeply rooted super-power identity and the reality of its power potential. Such a conflict is observable also in the patterns of Russia's arms production and its behaviour in the global arms market. Ksenia focuses on the effort of the Russian military-industrial complex to become world-leading power in the development and production of artificial intelligence. By applying the analytical framework of Keith Krause, Ksenia demonstrates that Russia's political will cannot overcome political, economic, and technical limitations to reassert the position of a "first-tier arms producer" alongside the USA and China.

Among the strengths of this thesis are the choice and employment of Krause's analytical framework, discussion of the weaponised AI, and insight into the Russian economy and politics. Its weakness rests on the lack of hard evidence. Although the presented argument is sound, it could be substantiated with more persuasive data.

### Minor criteria:

ok

### Overall evaluation:

Ksenia's thesis deals with a very relevant issue, applies a solid analytical framework, and demonstrates a good insight into the Russian military-industrial complex. Unfortunately, the author could not gather data to make the argument more in-depth and persuasive.

Suggested grade: B

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