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Master's Thesis Assessment

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TITLE OF THE THESIS: Post-conflict governments in Lebanon: the factors of success and failure

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ASSESSMENT TYPE: Opponent's review

1. ASSESSMENT OF THE THESIS CONTENT

ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES	MARK
Relevancy of the topic in relation to the current scientific knowledge	1
Originality of the thesis, contribution to the science subject field	1-2
Integrity and scale of sources and literature relevant to the subject study	1
Ability for critical appraisal of the sources	1
Standards of working with sources	1
Methodology and its relevancy to the subject study and thesis goals	1
Logic of the thesis structure	1-2
Ability to argue, cohesion and coherence of the argument	1
Terminology in the relevant field	1
Adhesion to the citation norm	1
Language, stylistic and formal standard of the thesis	1

COMMENTARY:

Main goal of reviewed thesis is *understanding the possible dynamics behind the failures of the post-conflict governments with the aim of indicating possible policy implications for future governments by examining the political and societal framework their predecessors operated in.* Firstly the thesis successfully analyzes causes of weak Lebanese governments in post-conflict society and political system (in this way Lebanon has become the model case of so called collapsed state during past few decades).

Generally the author reached all declared objectives. Submitted paper meets all formal criteria (length, structure, methodology, sources etc.) and standards required for IEPS' master thesis. V.

Potpakina has proved an ability to conduct independent research, collect huge amount of empirical data, select and critically analyze relevant academic sources. To sum up the evaluation of this paper I suggest to mark it as excellent.

3. SUGGESTED MARK

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