Master Thesis of Evgenia Belyaeva ,, Dynamics of the Arab States Positions in the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Perspectives for Peace".

As a supervisor of this thesis I have consulted with the author regularly this work. A topic of the thesis is clear and structure of the work is logical. Author is using a relatively large number of related literature. Appendix 1-10 is a good documentation of main sources.

I think that work fully fulfils requirements of master thesis.

I have got a couple of questions. First: Do you think that realistic and pragmatic Arab states policies prevail also toward Palestinian representation, not only toward Israel?

Second: Is it also possible to argue that Syrian policy toward Israel is based on realism?

Third: How important is Israeli factor in a rivalry between main powers of the region (Egypt, Syria, Iran)?

For grading my suggestion is A (excellent).

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