



Supervisor's MA Thesis Assessment

Title: The Role of the Civil Society in the Transformation of Egypt, Libya and Tunisia

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The thesis interestingly investigates a role of civil society in the (potential) transitional processes taking place in Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia. The thesis has a strong theoretical background provided by the combination of modernization theory, resource mobilization theory, theory of relative deprivation, theory of social capital, and finally theory of polyarchy. It must be stressed that this rather exhaustive list of theories does not mean that the research would be overloaded with theories. All theoretical approaches are clearly linked with the formulation of variables, which are developed in to the causal model inspired by civil society diamond.

Methodologically, the thesis convincingly applies process tracing, which indeed suitable for this kind of research. Following high quality theoretical and methodological discussion, the empirical analysis is indeed solid.

I strongly appreciate the theoretical model as well as methodological approach. Additionally, the analysis is based on a large number of resources.

All in all Adéla's thesis is clearly above-averaged. I recommend it for defence and suggest the following evaluation – **excellent**.

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