



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	5
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	15
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	25
<i>Total</i>		80	45
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	3
	Style	5	2
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	10
TOTAL		100	55



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis intends to focus on one of the most prominent issues of current European (security) affairs. Unfortunately, it does not tackle the problem in satisfactory way. The problems begin with the plethora of questions raised in the introduction, where some of the questions are too generic, some speculative and only two of them appropriate for a MA social science research.

The theoretical framework is highly problematic as well. Although the theory of securitisation is often applied in connection to migration, the goals of the research can hardly be addressed through these theoretical lenses. Similarly, realism (extremely vaguely defined) could be part of the argument but the conceptual job would have to be done in a much more elaborated fashion. Arguably, It could be interesting to somehow bridge IR realism (EU context) with Eurosceptic positions but, again, here the connection unclear and rather confusing.

It follows that lacking a coherent theoretical framework the thesis also does not apply any consistent methodological approach (and f.e. securitisation theory heavily relies on an appropriate methodological strategy).

On the positive note, the thesis summarizes the EU immigration mechanisms and addresses their crucial problem. It provides some analytical conclusions, although they are not backed by properly done conceptually and methodologically grounded research.

Minor criteria:

The resource base is rather limited, the style weak (incl. many typos)



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Overall evaluation:

I see the thesis on the verge of possibility to be defended; however I would still offer the author the chance to defend it.

Suggested grade: good

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