



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **The EU Counter-terrorism policy
from an European integration
perspective**

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



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis investigates an important and timely topic of EU counterterrorism policy. More specifically, it offers the first analysis of this topic from the perspective of differentiated integration theory. This makes it rather unique, since it not only makes a valuable contribution to the few existing attempts to theorize EU counterterrorism, but it also represents one of the few empirical contributions explicitly applying the still relatively new differentiated integration theory.

As indicated in my numerical assessment above, in my opinion, the thesis excels in all its attributes, from research design, through theory, which is not only well explained but clearly applied to the empirics of EU counterterrorism, and the actual empirics of EU counterterrorism, including two case studies and an impressive amount of relevant empirical data. While of course additional aspects of EU counterterrorism policy would need to be analyzed in detail in order to make a more definitive case regarding the explanatory potential of differentiated integration theory in this area of EU policy-making, the thesis clearly demonstrates both its strengths and weaknesses.

Minor criteria:

Overall evaluation:

Overall, this thesis in my opinion surpasses the standard criteria for this type of academic work. Thus, I not only recommend that the author tries to turn it into a journal article, but I strongly recommend its consideration for any existing M.A. thesis prize, both at the faculty and Charles University level.

Suggested grade: 1 (excellent)

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