



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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

Programme/year: MISS 2016

Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

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 the EU counter terrorism policies through the lenses of differentiated integration theory (DIT) or more precisely it tests the causal explanations provided by this theory. It should be noted that the DIT remains theoretically rather unsettled (for obvious reasons) and it is actually the first great achievement of the thesis to give it a strong theoretically-oriented meaning.

Also the other notes are only positive. The thesis has a clear design and it is perfectly theorized and operationalized to enable the utilisation of the causal congruence method. More than that, its empirical basis is very rich while the selected data still remain highly relevant for the topic.

All in all this is an extraordinary thesis which provides a brilliant example of highly theoretically and methodologically grounded “policy-relevant” research

Minor criteria:

Rich theoretical and mainly empirical resource base and perfect analytical style only illustrate the exceptional quality of the thesis.

Overall evaluation:

The highest possible score is absolutely exceptional but I strongly believe the thesis deserves it. Therefore I not only recommend the thesis for defence but also for the Dean’s Outstanding Thesis Award.

Suggested grade: excellent - 1



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