



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Suppressing violence or promoting destabilization? Analysis of Principal-Agent relationships to achieve different goals: Cases of Iran and Israel

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	10
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	37
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	77
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	3
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	95



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The thesis is based on clearly developed theoretical framework and well-established research questions and hypotheses. The case selection allows for an in-depth analysis of the issue of proxy warfare. The author goes beyond the simplified analysis of proxy warfare and discusses less obvious utilization of proxy relation in the case of Israel and Hamas. The alternative conceptualization of the proxy relation is very important for the future study of the proxy relations in the Middle East and elsewhere. The RQs are adequately answered in the concluding chapter.

### Minor criteria:

The formal criteria are being met, the work covers large amount of literature and the language level is appropriate. Some minor formal issues are not hindering the readability of the text. The tables and figures are used properly and have their added value.

### Overall evaluation:

The text covers an important topic of proxy relations in the Middle East. It goes beyond the simple relations of benefactor using a proxy as a tool of foreign policy and problematizes the concept. That way, the thesis identifies alternative proxy relation between Israel and Hamas that establishes a very interesting conceptualization of the mutual relation. The text is rooted in deep understanding of the theoretical literature and the selected case studies. The deep understanding of the theoretical assumptions combined with the application on relevant cases allows the thesis to bring conclusions that are surpassing the findings of majority of the Master Theses. Sometimes, the text is slightly confusing given the large number of studied phenomena, but this problem is only minor and should not affect the final evaluation.

### Suggested grade:

A

### Signature: