



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
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	37
Total		80	74
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
Total		20	20
TOTAL		100	94



Evaluation

Major criteria: This is an exceptional piece of M.A. thesis. It is theory-driven, conceptually informed, empirically rich, and ambitious in terms of its central argument. The thesis draws on solid knowledge of related literature. It is well-structured and well-written. It is definitely one of the best theses in the field of security studies I've come to review at Charles University.

Minor criteria: It is not particularly clear what the central idea of employing three case studies is. All these cases illustrate different aspects of P-A relationship, with the Israel-Hamas case being rather atypical in terms of the general applicability of the concept. In fact, few would claim this relationship could be considered a P-A one. Either way, I would appreciate a more thought-through research design in terms of what these three case studies imply conceptually. If carried out properly (and in a more explicit way), the thesis could make for an intriguing contribution to the concept of P-A in that it would show three distinct forms of the concept.

Overall evaluation: The thesis makes interesting contribution to the field. There are some minor shortcomings that the author might be interested to work on to turn his thesis into a publication. The author could draw on this piece of research to pursue Ph.D. studies.

Suggested grade: A (1)

Signature: Emil ASLAN