



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **EU member states FDI policies and Chinese investments**

Programme/year: SS/2021

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
	Style	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

An interesting, current topic in terms of its "explosiveness", the analysis is limited in time to 20 years with an explanation of why such a short time series. Logically, but perhaps unnecessarily broadly formulated, the research question, with which he obviously works.

For her research on this topic, the graduate chose three theoretical concepts, with which she really tries to work in the context of her research. Probably not only to focus on Department of Security Studies, where he defends his work, but due to the nature of Chinese FDI, it is about security complexes, neo / realism and IPE. It is the inclusion of IPE as not only an economic theory, but one of the portfolio of theories of international relations, that I consider appropriate with regard to the topic of the work.

From these theories the author came up with two hypotheses, to which he concludes sufficiently in the Conclusion and explains their possible only partial verification.

The whole MT has a logical structure. The graduate uses the databases of OECD, UNCTAD, but also two selected EU countries, namely Germany and France as significant members of the EU and partners of China. The selected two EU member economies are not only the EU's largest performers, but above all those that largely moderate the Union's approach to international relations, including economic ones. So their choice is the right one. After all, the title of the thesis concerns the EU member states in relation to Chinese investments, so the elected states are only representatives of the EU. I would personally supplement the selected databases of international institutions with Bretton Woods institutions - IMF, WB.

### Minor criteria:

Despite the topic defined in this way, the work is rather a qualitative approach, which I welcome, of course the graduate works with statistical data. However, I perceive a certain ambiguity as to what approach should have dominated, because the intended methodology was not explicitly mentioned. The resources used are not very diversified, the topic under discussion would deserve a broader resource framework.

It must be admitted that the submitted work was consulted quite quickly and quite close to the date of submission, however, in my opinion, it was possible to submit a relatively high-quality analysis.

### Overall evaluation:

The submitted work meets the requirements for master's theses. It is relatively strong in terms of argument.



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**Suggested grade: C**

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