Master's Thesis Evaluation Form

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Thesis title: Media Bias and Framing Analysis of Local Media and Foreign Based Media coverage on the case of " Rohingya: Gambia files case against Myanmar at International Court of Justice"

Name of the supervisor: Anna Shavit

Name of the opponent: Lenka Vochocová

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis? Please give your reasons for the suggested grade in detail below.

1.   Does the author show understanding of one or more theories, and use theory to generate a hypothesis or to make the problem area more understandable?

Comments: The author of the presented thesis showed an explicit understanding of the used theories. The text is well structured, the empirical part is very well linked with the theoretical part. The author clearly defines frames (content-related only, she doesn't confuse it with journalistic frames). Coding book is very clear, and the data presentation is clear and valuable.

2.   Is the research question articulated clearly and properly? Is the research question sufficiently answered in the conclusion?

Comments: Research questions are clearly formulated, explained, analyzed through the whole text, and well answered and summarized in the thesis conclusions.

3.   Is the thesis based on relevant research and literature and does it accurately summarize and integrate the information?

Comments: Yes, the thesis as the author presented it is based on exhausted list of literature, the author uses many different sources and presented thesis can be used as source for further research.

4.   What is the quality of the data or the other sources? Are the sample method, data collection and data analysis appropriate?

Comments: Author uses her own collected data. The chosen method is appropriate. Overall, the level of scientifical work used by the author is impressive. The samples are very well presented and processed.

5.   Are the findings relevant to the research question? Are the conclusions of the thesis based on strong arguments?

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Comments: It all fits as puzzle. Research questions are well answered, and all the data are well presented. Findings are clearly presented regarding the general context.

6.   *Are the author's thoughts distinguished unambiguously from the borrowed ideas?*

Comments: Overall I would like to emphasize, presented work is thesis of exceptional unusual quality. The work is simply excellent and impressive. The research is original, and author worked independently. I must praise her vigor and fact she completed thesis on time under tremendous pressure caused by many factors.

7.   *Is the thesis containing original/innovative research (in terms of topic, approach, and/or findings)?*

Comments: The methods and way how to analyze chosen topic of the thesis are very innovative. The biggest success is that author brings completely new findings. Thanks to her knowledge of the environment and general context, she places very relevant question and yet she is also successful to translate the findings to broader not that informed audience. Her thesis has many relevant and unknown information and is very exceptional in this matter.
I would definitely suggest the author write an academic article about findings from her thesis.

8.   *What is the quality of style and other formal requirements?*

Comments: I can only compliment the structure, style, and language. It is fantastic academic work.

9.   *Are there any other strengths and weaknesses of the thesis, which are not included in the previous questions? Please list them if any.*

Comments: The biggest strengths are the ability to combine in depth knowledge and understanding with scientifically findings and provide clear unbiased analysis.

10.   *What topic do you suggest for the discussion in the thesis defense?*

Comments: Can You mention the current situation and how can your research be used in future?

11.   *Declaration that the supervisor has read the result of the originality check in the system: [   ]   Theses   [   ]   Turnitin   [x   ]   Original   (Urkund)*

   Supervisor's comment on the originality check result: Presented thesis is an original work. The control of Urkund showed 7 percent matched, however it was all withing literature etc.

Overall assessment of the thesis:

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(Please, state clearly whether the thesis is or is not recommended for a defense and write the main reasons for the recommendation).

Proposed grade: A excellent

(A- B: excellent, C-D: very good, E: good, F: fail)

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