Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	**10**	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	**30**	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	34
Total		*80*	
Minor Criteria			72
	Sources	**10**	10
	Style	**5**	5
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		*20*	20
TOTAL		*100*	92

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation examines the potential of ML/AI to bring about a new revolution in military affairs. The analysis relies on three major components: (i) an evaluation of the current state in ML/AI, (ii) a robust and comprehensive literature review of revolutions in military affairs, and, finally, (iii) a technologically oriented perspective on strategic cultures.

The most valuable conceptual turn is the decision to study ML/AI through perceptions and subsequent social constructions which the technology produces within strategic cultures. Further, it needs to be emphasized that the individual components of the literature review are exceptionally well crafted. The resulting conclusions are, thus, valuable on multiple levels, reaching correct and informed insights regarding the military perceptions of ML/AI by stakeholders informing strategic cultures.

Minor criteria:

All minor criteria were observed.

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.

Overall evaluation:

This is an excellent dissertation, both in the research design and its empirical execution. The only minor shortcoming is a lesser degree of operationalization when it comes to connecting the individual components entering the analysis.

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