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**	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	36
Total		*80*	76
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	**10**	10
	Style	**5**	5
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		*20*	20
TOTAL		*100*	96

Evaluation

Major criteria:

Minor criteria:

Assessment of plagiarism:

The Urkund result is 3% matching, which is normal for works that cite other works.

Overall evaluation:

The presented thesis is rather well-written and well-researched and it addresses an interesting and relevant topic. In this case I have no major critical comments, except, perhaps I would suggest a difference balance in terms of the empirical analysis, in case the author wishes to develop the thesis into something more ambitious (which I believe she should try to do). For example, the extensive coverage of government programs could be a useful source of information for someone who does not read Georgian, but, in the overall context of the analysis, it also feels a bit too descriptive, and the reader tends to get lost in that description. On the other hand, the discourse analysis of how the neoliberal reforms were "sold" to the public is highly promising, but disappointingly short. This where the reader would really like to know more in terms of how this economic program was tied rhetorically to different identities, historical and geopolitical tropes.

Suggested grade:

A (96)

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