Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	**10**	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	**30**	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	35
Total		*80*	69
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	**10**	10
	Style	**5**	5
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		*20*	20
TOTAL		*100*	89

Evaluation

Major criteria: The thesis addresses an important problematic. It builds on a comprehensive literature review, has a good structure overall and the general flow of argument is straightforward. However, there are certain deficiencies. The very introduction of the puzzle and research questions is unfocused. While the author goes around the topic a lot, she does not reiterate clearly, in a single or a couple of sentences, what the main goal is in fact. The discussion on case selection is relevant but it remains rather general and could have been strengthened by reflecting on the possibilities of generalization. The very basic flow of argument can be challenged too, although this does not question or denigrate the performed analysis. One of the key findings is that there is "no unified typology" on the subject. This is something that could be applied to almost any complex phenomenon and it is no surprise that particular cases may not necessarily fit into any of the readily available frameworks. While analyzing other cases, other scholars may similarly challenge the author's conceptual propositions which are presented as a remedy in this thesis. The author could have communicated the benefits of this research more explicitly. Nevertheless, the author's effort to refine the existing theorization is welcome.

Minor criteria: None worth of separate note.

Assessment of plagiarism: Not detected.

Overall evaluation: I recommend this thesis for defence with no hesitation.

Suggested grade: B

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