



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Women's peacebuilding civil society organisations and empowerment:
A case Study of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	31
<i>Total</i>		80	64
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	7
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	17
TOTAL		100	82



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The reviewed thesis explores a relatively underexplored topic of women's political empowerment, with a specific focus on the relevant activities of five women's peacebuilding civil society organisations (CSOs) based in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The author has also managed to find, read and incorporate key insights from the still limited literature on women's political empowerment. The thesis is relatively well written and structured. The empirical case studies follow the key criteria derived from the concept of political empowerment, albeit the author could have offered a more detailed justification as to why political empowerment is the key focus of the thesis.

Similarly, the justification of the selection of the five studies CSOs and their larger representativeness of CSOs in Bosnia and Hercegovina is not ideal. Given the lack of interviews and language issues, the empirical chapters are relatively descriptive, often essentially summaries of documents and online presentations of the studied NGOs. Nevertheless, since research on women's political empowerment in Bosnia and Hercegovina is in infancy, even the descriptive reviews of CSOs' activities and their succinct structured comparison represent a useful addition to knowledge production.

As the supervisor, I have to note that the thesis has been finalized shortly before the submission deadline. The author has, therefore, managed to incorporate most, but not all (see above) of my numerous recommendations on the earlier drafts of this thesis.

Minor criteria: No serious issues detected.

Assessment of plagiarism: Not detected.

Overall evaluation: Overall, the thesis certainly meets the standard criteria for this type of academic work.

Suggested grade: B2

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