

Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptua l framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
Total		80	70
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
Total		20	20
TOTAL		100	90



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This is a clever dissertation that focuses on the climate-security nexus, as it is manifested in the selected Czech media outlets. I must admit I have some mixed feelings about the paper. On one hand, it is well-written offers a solid analysis of the issue. On the other hand, some parts feel (academically) "economical" and I thought some deeper elaboration and diligence could essentially improve the (already very good) paper.

The introductory parts read a bit sketchy, but they do the job and open the research problem. The theoretical part is strong, but this is very much because the author utilized McDonald's piece that provides not only a functional typology of the climate-security discourse, but also offers an effective operationalisation.

Following the theoretical framework that would deserve some disciplinary extensions, the empirical part is robust and the analysis convincing. While the findings are well-presented, I think they could have been better interpreted, f.e. by reflecting a context that would communicate well with the chosen methodology.

Minor criteria:

The dissertation is well-written and has strong methodological and empirical components. More diligent theorization might not require a huge endeavour and would improve the overall impression of the paper.

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:

I recommend the dissertation for defence. It offers a relevant and convincing analysis and despite some deficiencies it is grounded in the disciplinary canon.



Suggested grade: A/B (90)

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