



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	36
<i>Total</i>		80	69
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	89



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This is a solid thesis. The author is well-versed in the respective literature and well-aware of the strengths and limitations of this research. The line of argument is clear from the very beginning. However, this thesis has considerable limitations when it comes to its scope and, as a result, ability to bring a strong contribution to the existing body of knowledge from either the theoretical or empirical perspective: (1) the restricted focus on media discourse (why do we need to learn how climate security is framed in the Czech media discourse, especially as the author admits that media discourses may sometimes be oriented to “newsworthy” titles and may not necessarily be representative of public opinion, policy or expert debates? what do these findings tell us about climate security or prospects of its further institutionalization at a national or international level?); (2) the confinement of this analysis within a strictly pre-defined theoretical frame of M. McDonald without an intention to trace unique cultural framings (if there were any possibly not covered by M. McDonald’s prediction – or is the author sure there were none?) of climate security in Czech Republic from the outset, and (only further testifying to the same) the findings were not taken back to theory to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of M. McDonald’s general frame (though well selected as an overarching theoretical and analytical frame) for this kind of analysis. Review of the existing literature was, on the other hand, quite long (the author did not systematically work with all the different perspectives which were introduced there but not really discussed for their strengths and shortcomings vs. the author’s own contributions, or utilized in the subsequent empirical analysis) and repetitive (e.g. discussions of “securitization” approaches). As a result, the conclusion was rather slim.

Minor criteria:

Assessment of plagiarism:

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 thesis raises an important issue and examines it within an underresearched context. It is well written, relatively well structured and delivers its point clearly. It only fails to properly highlight its contributions (which certainly are there though).

Suggested grade: B

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