



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Gender-Based Violence as a Weapon of War: The Case of Boko Haram

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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	40
<i>Total</i>		80	80
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	100



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis explores the far-reaching effects of Boko Haram's use of gender-based violence against women as a deliberate tactic in northeastern Nigeria. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the impact of this violence on various aspects of the lives of women and girls in the region. Notably, this study offers a unique contribution by examining the influence of Boko Haram's gender-based violence on the position of women within local communities, as well as its spillover effects on other actors involved, such as the Nigerian military and aid workers. By doing so, it identifies Boko Haram as both a direct and indirect perpetrator of gender-based violence.

The thesis employs a skillful theoretical framework that combines the strategic rape theory and feminist theories, providing a comprehensive background for the empirical analysis. The author demonstrates a strong basis of data, including an interview conducted with the Nigerian Office of Amnesty International. It is worth noting the careful consideration given to ethical aspects in conducting the interview to obtain original primary data, particularly given the sensitive and complex security environment of Nigeria.

Overall, this research is commendable for its systematic and cohesive analysis, which is the first of its kind in this field. It fills an important gap in understanding the consequences of Boko Haram's adoption of gender-based violence as a semi-official tactic.

I personally do not find any weaknesses in this fantastic piece of work.

Minor criteria:

The text demonstrates exceptional academic skill and is engaging to read. It effectively utilizes a wealth of empirical data, providing a solid foundation for its arguments. The overall structure of the text is well organized, facilitating a clear and coherent presentation of ideas.

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.



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Overall evaluation:

I highly commend Lucie's work and wholeheartedly recommend it for defence. This outstanding thesis significantly contributes to our systematic understanding of the repercussions of gender-based violence perpetrated by Jihadist groups on local communities and the position of women in traditionally patriarchal societies. The excellence of this thesis is a testament to Lucie's sustained and tireless effort, reflecting her sterling work ethic and genuine commitment to the subject matter.

Suggested grade:

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