



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	38
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	75
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	95



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The dissertation studies the proposed EU Digital Services Act (DSA) by analyzing stances of individual stakeholders towards the content of the regulation. An innovative conceptual framework is used that views social media platforms as public utilities. The main contribution of this work is its successful incorporation of a legal debate to security studies based on reconceptualizing the discipline's understanding of social risks caused by privately operated social media platforms. The actual empirical analysis reveals that the regulatory debate is still in its infancy and will substantially evolve in the future, which is a non-trivial finding.

### Minor criteria:

All minor criteria are observed in full.

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 is an innovative interdisciplinary work on an issue that to a large degree determines societal resilience, as the regulatory process attempts to remedy risks involved in mis/disinformation and other harmful societal effects caused by social media.



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