

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Geographical Factors vs. Geopolitical Agent in Geopolitical Analysis: Italy's Energy Reorientation from Russia to Africa after the Invasion of Ukraine
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the four numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

1) Contribution and argument:

The author has chosen a challenging and topical issue belonging to the field of geopolitical studies as the topic of his diploma thesis. Although the topic is very specific - Italy's reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent need to change energy orientation - it is also a topic that has a pan-European dimension. The conclusions reached by the author are well argued.

2) Theoretical and methodological framework:

The work is logically structured and the chosen theoretical approach - neoclassical realism - is suitable for such a topic. The theoretical model is clearly presented and carefully applied. The thesis is very carefully proceeded, the reader is well oriented throughout the text.

3) Sources and literature:

The text of the thesis is based on relevant sources. All sources are properly and carefully cited.

4) Manuscript form and structure:

I did not find anything in the text of the thesis that deserved a negative evaluation.

5) Quality of presentation

I did not find anything in the text of the thesis that deserved a negative evaluation.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	35
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	25
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TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	95
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

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I don't have any specific questions.

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