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MA THESIS REVIEW

Review type (choose one):

Review by thesis supervisor ☐   Review by opponent ☒

Thesis author:

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Thesis title: Comparative analysis of climate change conference coverage in India and UK newspapers: framing difference

Reviewer:

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1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RESEARCH PROPOSAL AND THESIS (mark one box for each row)

		Conforms to approved research proposal	Changes are well explained and appropriate	Changes are explained but are inappropriate	Changes are not explained and are inappropriate	Does not conform to approved research proposal
1.1	Research objective(s)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
1.2	Methodology	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
1.3	Thesis structure	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

COMMENTARY (description of the relationship between the research proposal and the thesis. If there are problems, please be specific):

2. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS CONTENT
Use letters A – B – C – D – E – F (A=best, F= failed)

		Grade
2.1	Quality and appropriateness of the theoretical framework	B
2.2	Ability to critically evaluate and apply the literature	B
2.3	Quality and soundness of the empirical research	B
2.4	Ability to select the appropriate methods and to use them correctly	B
2.5	Quality of the conclusion	B
2.6	Thesis originality and its contribution to academic knowledge production	C

COMMENTARY (description of thesis content and the main problems):

3. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS FORM
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		Grade
3.1	Quality of the structure	B
3.2	Quality of the argumentation	B
3.3	Appropriate use of academic terminology	B
3.4	Quality, quantity and appropriateness of the citations (both in the theory part and in the empirical part)	D
3.5	Conformity to quotation standards (*)	D
3.6	Use of an academic writing style, and correct use of language (both grammar and spelling)	C
3.6	Quality of the textual lay-outing and appendices	C

(*) in case the text contains quotations without references, the grade is F; in case the text contains plagiarised parts, do not recommend the thesis for defence and suggest disciplinary action against the author instead.

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COMMENTARY (description of thesis form and the main problems):
The work is conventionally structured into two principal components: the theoretical and the empirical, prefaced by methodological chapters. In the introductory passages, the author describes the structure and clearly formulates the topic and goals of the work. The theoretical part of the work is supported by a comprehensive review of expert literature, with attention given to relevant issues, concepts and terms that the author subsequently utilizes effectively in designing the empirical research. The research methodology (analytical method, data collection, measures and data analysis) is presented in a clear manner, including all essential components. The results and conclusions of the work are formulated rigorously, considering the limitations imposed by the nature of the data and the chosen research methods.
In terms of formal requirements (use of academic writing style, quotation standards), a substantial deficiency can be characterized as errors in handling the references to literature, specifically <u>incomplete references:</u> **(a)** missing page numbers in direct quotations: e.g. Du Plooy, 1997 – p. 21; Barkemeyer, et al., 2017 – p. 8; Entman, 1993, Entman, 2010 – p. 18; Semetko and Valkenburg – p. 27, **(b)** direct quotations without reference - p. 28-29) and <u>entirely missing references</u> to information sources in the paragraphs on p. 31 and p. 32 taken from the Reuters Institute analysis (https://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk/our-research/poles-apart). The table at the end of the text (p. 56) is not named and it is not clear what it contains and why the table is included in the text.

4. OVERAL EVALUATION (provide a summarizing list of the thesis's strengths and weaknesses):

The submitted diploma thesis meets the requirements for this type of graduate thesis; therefore, I recommend it for the defense and propose to grade with an overall grade range C to D."

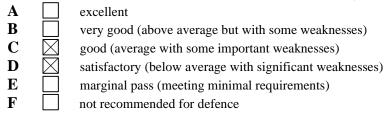**5. QUESTIONS OR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE THESIS DEFENSE**:

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6. ANTIPLAGIARISM CHECK

☒ The reviewer is familiar with the thesis' URKUND score.

If the score is above 5%, please evaluate and indicate problems:

6.1	The overall score is 8%. This is due to deficiencies in the references to the sources (mentioned above).

6. SUGGESTED GRADE OF THE THESIS AS A WHOLE (choose one or two)

A	☐	excellent
B	☐	very good (above average but with some weaknesses)
C	☒	good (average with some important weaknesses)
D	☒	satisfactory (below average with significant weaknesses)
E	☐	marginal pass (meeting minimal requirements)
F	☐	not recommended for defence

If the mark is an "F", please provide your reasons for not recommending the thesis for defence:

Date: 13. 9. 2023   Signature: ……………………………..