



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Negative Implications of the Commodification of Externalities in Global

Capitalism: Case of Waste Management

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	6
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	19
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	27
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	52
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	7
	Style	<b>5</b>	2
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	4
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	65



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The presented dissertation deals with the negative effects of the commodification of externalities in the area of waste management. More specifically, the author intends to investigate the processes around the management of e-waste. This is a laudable idea, as it is a growing industry with non-negligible environmental implications. The theoretical framework is very eclectic. The author offers a rather disorganized overview of theoretical approaches defining the problem of externalities. Only in the last paragraphs, the author approaches literature that seems suitable for criticizing the neoliberal solution in this area - critical environmental economics and green Marxism.

The dissertation engages some relevant literature but does so in a confusing way. Any discussion on methodology is, unfortunately, missing. That said, the paper would benefit from a stronger research design that would streamline the theoretical discussion and led to the development of conceptual framework that would inform the empirical analysis.

However, taking into account the shortcoming mentioned above, the dissertation interestingly maps out the environment around the e-waste management. Additionally, the empirical parts are easier to follow and often reads analytical. It also offers some suggestions that appear to be grounded much in empirical investigation than disciplinary concepts.

### Minor criteria:

The paper would benefit from a more careful editing. It often suffers at the interface with the discipline.

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:



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Despite several critical notes I am sympathetic with the topic and with its empirical treatment. For very good reasons it took the author a few years to finish the dissertation and I am glad we get to this stage, where there is a paper that can be proudly defended.

Suggested grade: D (65)

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