



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The role of far-right pro-state militias in democratic state systems

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		80	75
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	95



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The diploma thesis titled 'The role of far-right pro-state militias in democratic state systems' is intended as a contribution to the burgeoning research on pro-state/pro-government militias in the field of security studies. The thesis focuses on the specific kind of pro-state militias driven by ultra-nationalist (or far-right) ideological backgrounds in competitive political systems. Despite the limited amount of possible case studies, aka external validity, it analyzes the relations between ideologically radical pro-state militia and the state in an innovative way as a complex of nuanced interactions affecting one another in several aspects such as ideological influence or participation in patronage networks. I appreciate that the author tried to conceptualize wide range of both conflicting and cooperative character of the radical militia-state relations in Ukraine, supported by the cases of HOS in Croatia and AUC in Colombia. The author's thesis meets all criteria of the solid research and strictly follows the principles of academic work. Personally, I'd appreciated more nuanced literature review to be linked precisely with the focus of the thesis but in general, I did not find any major flaws or setbacks.

Minor criteria:

The work is well-structured, easy to follow and consistent. There are no critical remarks on my part related to sources, style of formal requirements of the thesis.

Assessment of plagiarism: No plagiarism has been detected.

None plagiarism detected.



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Overall evaluation:

To conclude, the thesis meets all standards and criteria of the academic work as outstanding and diligent analysis with the potential to bring an innovative insight into the academic discussion on the research of the pro-state militias.

Suggested grade: A

Signature: 