



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	33
<i>Total</i>		80	63
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	17
TOTAL		100	80



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation attempts to find a conceptual link between cybersecurity issues and the security dilemma. The conceptual part, attempting to build the foundation for such a project, is, unfortunately, underdeveloped and limited to listing realist approaches and cyber threats without constructing a deeper link.

The methodology section is limited to general statements and an ambiguous discussion about causal links between variables that lack a proper delimitation and, thus, raise questions about the possibility of their operationalization.

A substantial part of the empirical analysis consists of listing various cyber vulnerabilities and types of attacks. The issue of attack attribution is discussed as well. This is a considerable problem, since these topics, while representing key concerns of cybersecurity, are only tangentially connected to the stated aims of the thesis that require in-depth case studies, allowing to perform proper operationalization.

Due to apparent space limitations, two offered case studies remain underdeveloped and descriptive, without a clear effort to build a strong deep link between cybersecurity and the security dilemma.

Minor criteria:

There are minor formatting issues.

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.



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Overall evaluation:

Overall, the thesis offers a discussion on cybersecurity and the security dilemma and attempts to build a link between these two phenomena. The link remains underdeveloped and unfocused due to a vague research design and insufficiently developed case studies. That being said, I recommend the thesis for defence.



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Suggested grade: C1 (80)

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