



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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communities: perspectives from Tlatelolco and Bangkok

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
<i>Total</i>		80	68
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	90



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This is a quality thesis on a topic, which deserves attention but has been dramatically understudied, i.e. the practice of creation and maintenance of nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZ) through a prism of security communities. The thesis contains a very solid theoretical and conceptual entrée and does a great job in both reviewing the existing literature and identifying a vantage point from which to study and analyse NWFZs. It is done cross-regionally and this take gives extra currency to the conceptual edifice. What I think could have been done in a more comprehensive manner is the empirical analysis, which is rather short. While utilising interviews collected by the author of the thesis which is rather an exception at this level and needs to be lauded, deeper analysis with more historiographic and diplomatic sources would help here too. As for the formatting, style, formal requirements, all is in order here. I grade it A/B.

Minor criteria:

Assessment of plagiarism:

Not detected.

Overall evaluation:

I suggest a grade: A/B where the final outcome will also be given by the author's ability to defend the thesis



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