



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Gibridnaya Voyna in Light of the War in Ukraine: Analysing Changes in Russian Interpretations and the Use of Hybrid Warfare Concept.

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	36
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	73
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	2
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	90



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

Although the conventional warfare in Ukraine might have forced the concept of hybrid warfare out of its prominent position in the Western discourse, this thesis convincingly argues that in the Russian strategic discourse, this concept remained relevant even after February 2022, although with shifted interpretation. This thesis thus identifies and engages issue that is very timely and important.

The thesis presents a very competent critique of the Western discourse on hybrid warfare and identifies a research gap. The author points out that “Western perspectives on Russian Hybrid Warfare have noticeably reached their expiration date after Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine in 2022... due to their faulty overreliance on its military components“. Nonetheless, there is no reason to expect that the Ukraine War would mean a dramatic change in the Russian concept of “Gibridnaya Voyna”. Comparison of the Russian pre- and post-2022 discourse on hybrid warfare seems important to pursue.

The analysis produces significant results. The most important shift in interpretation is that the “Gibridnaya Voyna” becomes to be seen as “instrument of military escalation” rather than a method of its avoidance (p.41). The major strength of the analysis rest on author’s access to not so easily accessible Russian sources. On the other hand, the applied analysis of “buzzwords” does not lead to a very deep and detailed analysis of the strategic concept.

### Minor criteria:

The text suffers from typos and style shortcomings. It is evident that more time was needed to polish the text and prepare the thesis for submission.

### Assessment of plagiarism:

The text does not reveal any sign of plagiarism.

### Overall evaluation:

This thesis brings very timely and important contribution to the literature on hybrid warfare. The text does a good job in highlighting the Russian perspective on this concept and how it changed in the aftermath of the 2022 invasion of Ukraine.



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