



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	5
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	15
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	22
<i>Total</i>		80	42
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	5
	Style	5	2
	Formal requirements	5	2
<i>Total</i>		20	9
TOTAL		100	51



Evaluation

Major criteria:

As far as I can tell, the thesis attempts to deal with Chinese foreign influence. However, it suffers from several profound problems that make it impossible to tell with certainty what is the research question and ultimate goals of the thesis. First, the theoretical framework is missing, which prevents the thesis from properly focusing the analysis. Second, the methodological framework is multi-faceted and confused. For example, there are attempts at quantitative analysis with very small sample sizes. On top of that, the explanation of the methodology occupies several chapters, which suggests that rather than with methodology it deals with something entirely different. The empirical findings chapter is underdeveloped, and, more importantly, the analysis is not informed by a robust theoretical and methodological framework for the reasons described above.

Minor criteria:

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:

Despite the fact that the lowest passing grade is given, the thesis suffers from profound issues, which make the work an elective set of thoughts not anchored in any social scientific approach to research.



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