



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Beyond Borders: Assessing Multilateral Cooperation Frameworks in Southeast Asia's War on Drugs

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Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
Total		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
Total		20	20
TOTAL		100	93



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The present paper examines the effectiveness of multilateral frameworks in combating drug trafficking in Southeast Asia. This is a relevant topic that combines one of the major themes of global organized crime and regional integration frameworks. The dissertation topic is well introduced and the research questions clearly formulated.

A key challenge of the research was to formulate an analytical framework against which to examine the effectiveness of international cooperation in counter-narcotics. Alex was able to formulate a coherent framework combining institutional effectiveness and barriers to international cooperation. Moreover, the different categories are effectively operationalized.

Thus, the resulting empirical analysis is not only convincing in its rigor, but also has an analytical effect and offers disciplinary relevant conclusions.

Minor criteria:

From a formal point of view, the paper is perfectly fine. It is built on a very solid source base and written in a clear and analytical manner. Last but not least, it is very carefully crafted.

Overall evaluation:

Overall, this is a very accomplished and honest research that deserves the highest grading.



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Suggested grade:

A (93)

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