



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	91



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Both selected countries belong to the so-called emerging markets with a great strength of their exports, which flood the global market. If we add to this the growing competitiveness of these countries, this is reflected in their growing share of global trade. Therefore, their selection is appropriate.

I also consider the selection of the relevant IR theories to be adequate, as Putnam's model in particular reflects a multi-level model of negotiation and therefore influencing economic governance in such an important organization as the WTO undoubtedly is. The graduate does not forget Moravcsik's contribution to the theoretical foundation. However, the second main theoretical concept is Nel's model of an interdisciplinary perspective referring to constructivism. I admit that I hesitate to decide which of the mentioned concepts is more suitable for the analysis of the approach of the selected countries - that is why I consider the choice of both core theories to be complementary... Each of them served to formulate a hypothesis. However, after an adequate presentation of both main theories, I lack in the empirical part their more significant connection to the analysis of the influence of India and China on the development in the global environment.

The empirical-analytical part of the DP is its centre of gravity - 53 pages of the text speak of a precise elaboration.

Minor criteria:

The scope of the work is somewhat longer, perhaps the empirical part could be reduced, or rather more connected with the theoretical part. A relatively broader explanation of constructivism than the author got to Philip Nel...

Overall evaluation:

The presented MT belongs to the above-average prepared ones, I would like to recommend it for the defence.

Suggested grade: A

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