



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Indigenous Autonomy as a Pathway to Human Security in Mexico: A Comparative Study of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Michoacán

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	40
<i>Total</i>		<i>80</i>	68
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		<i>20</i>	17
TOTAL		100	85



Evaluation

Major criteria and evaluation

This is a thesis on a highly topical issue of the impact indigenous autonomy can have on increasing human security. Personal security is the chosen component in three respective Mexican provinces linked to the post-Zapatista political spirit and governance ideals. The thesis presents a research design based on mixed methods, with RQ being formulated in a weaker way (and answerable by yes/no only which should not be the case). The theoretical framework is largely missing and the work is based on policy formulation of human security which is relevant but not fully sufficient. Also, more could be done when it comes to theorization of the autonomous governance thinking. Nevertheless, the dataset used, as well as sources accumulated in English and Spanish are on a great quality. The strongest part is the analysis of the quantitative data by the student, including multiple ways of their graphic representation. I appreciate summaries for each of the three cases, which is done in a proper manner. Style, volume of literature, argument, and the ability of the student to discuss the findings and conclude the work nicely are there. For the above reasons, I grade it A/B, depending on how the student will be able to defend the work.

Suggested grade: A/B

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nik Hynek'.

Nik Hynek