



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	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	37
<i>Total</i>		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	93



Evaluation:

Evaluated thesis investigates the influence of indigenous autonomy on enhancing human security, particularly personal security, within three Mexican regions influenced by the post-Zapatista political environment. The research adopts a mixed-method approach, integrating both quantitative and qualitative analyses to provide a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

The research questions and hypotheses are clearly formulated. The analysis is well-executed and critical, demonstrating the student's knowledge of the field. The methodology is robust, involving a comparative case study of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Michoacán.

More in-depth theorization of autonomous governance would have strengthened the analysis.

The dataset used is of high quality, with extensive sources in both English and Spanish. The quantitative data analysis is particularly strong, with multiple graphical representations effectively illustrating the findings. The qualitative analysis is thorough, drawing on a wide range of secondary literature, reports, and local news.

The thesis is well-structured, starting with a literature review, followed by a theoretical framework, methodology, and detailed analysis of the three case studies. The division into chapters and subchapters is logical, and the argumentation is clear and easy to follow. The summaries for each case are well done, providing concise overviews of the findings.

Strengths:

- **Quantitative Data Analysis:** The student's analysis of quantitative data is rigorous and well-presented.
- **Use of Literature:** The student quotes extensive, relevant, and recent literature, demonstrating a profound knowledge of the topic.
- **Technical Structure:** The text is transparent and well-organized, fulfilling the criteria set for an M.A. program according to the standards of the Institute of Political Science.

Conclusion:

Anna Caltová has demonstrated a strong ability to analyze and discuss the findings critically. Despite minor weaknesses, the thesis excels in its analysis, use of high-quality data, and clear presentation. Therefore, I propose to evaluate the thesis as excellent (A).

In summary, this thesis is a significant contribution to the field of security studies, particularly in understanding the role of indigenous autonomy in enhancing human security in Mexico. The methodological rigor, quality of data, and depth of analysis reflect the author's proficiency and dedication to the topic.

Proposed Grade: Excellent (A)

Signature: