



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Female Suicide Terrorism: A Structural Analysis of Women's Active Participation in Jihad

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	29
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	39
<i>Total</i>		80	77
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	95



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The Master thesis analyzes the motivations of female suicide terrorism with a special focus on the activities of women within jihadist groups. The author's research aims to analyze the reasons why female suicide bombers commit jihad. The author focuses on the internal, i.e. individual, motivations of women and analyzes individual aspects which in reality of suicide bombers stand behind. The thesis also investigates combat strategies, recruitment tactics and narratives used by terrorist organizations that engage women. The author distinguishes between individual/primary motivations and collective/secondary motivations of female suicide bombers and analyzes both levels.

In terms of methodology the author chooses a structural analysis, in which focuses on how social, economic, political and religious constructs influence the identities of women who participate in the suicide attacks. In a comparative case study author analyzes individual cases of female suicide attackers and then systematically evaluates several variables and their mutual connection or relationship. The author uses five cases of women to be examined.

Considering the theoretical approach, the author focuses on post-colonial, third world and transnational feminism. Such a theoretical framework is very relevant within the research and provides the author with a deeper understanding of challenges women might struggle with.

Minor criteria:

Although I would suggest working with a larger number of professional ISBN materials, I understand the situation in the given area might be relatively limited.

Assessment of plagiarism:

The thesis is not plagiarism.



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Overall evaluation:

The diploma thesis is excellently structured, with a relevant application of methodological and theoretical background of the entire research. The author conceptualized the topic in a very original and innovative way. The diploma thesis is written in a very elaborate form, supported by thorough research and therefore I strongly recommend the thesis to be defended with excellent evaluations.

Suggested grade: A

Signature: *Radana Makariusová*