



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: What are the Unveiling Factors Shaping the Outcome of Military Interventions in the Middle East? A Comparative Analysis of Syria and Libya

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	36
<i>Total</i>		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	91



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis demonstrates a clear and well-defined research question, focusing on the success of military interventions in Syria and Libya. The explicit objectives aim to evaluate the interventions based on a developed conceptual framework and examine the influencing factors through political, socio-economic, ideological, and regional lenses.

The theoretical framework is robust, incorporating various theories and existing literature to comprehensively understand military intervention success. Including multiple criteria—achievement of political objectives, effective strategies, acceptable costs, and facilitation of long-term stability—demonstrates a thorough grasp of the complexities involved. The conceptual framework is well-developed and justifies its components with strong theoretical support.

The methodology is detailed and appropriate for the research question, utilizing qualitative analysis and process tracing to evaluate the cases of Syria and Libya. The thesis applies its conceptual framework effectively in the analysis, providing clear and logical arguments supported by empirical data. The detailed case studies and the systematic approach to data collection and analysis contribute to the strength of the argumentation. However, I am not sure that seeing military strategy as an outcome rather than as a factor that might influence the success of an intervention is entirely appropriate.

Minor criteria:

The thesis utilizes a wide range of sources. The diversity and credibility of these sources enhance the reliability of the research. The writing style is clear, coherent, and well-organized. The thesis maintains a scholarly tone throughout, making complex arguments accessible without oversimplification. However, there are minor issues with wordiness and occasional lapses in connecting ideas smoothly, which slightly detract from the overall readability. The thesis adheres to all formal requirements, including proper formatting, citation, and structure. The presentation of tables, figures, and appendices is professional and enhances the overall readability of the document.

Assessment of plagiarism:

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.



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Overall evaluation:

This thesis presents a well-structured and comprehensive analysis of military interventions, effectively integrating theoretical and empirical insights. The major criteria demonstrate a high level of academic rigor, with a clear research question, a robust conceptual framework, and a thorough methodology. The minor criteria further support the quality of the work through the use of diverse sources, a clear writing style, and adherence to formal requirements. Given the strengths in both major and minor criteria, the thesis should receive an overall grade between an excellent A and a very good B, leaning towards an A.

Suggested grade: A/B

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