



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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| Criteria | Definition | Maximm | Points |
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| Major Criteria | | | |
| | Research question, definition of objectives | 10 | 8 |
| | Theoretical/conceptual framework | 30 | 24 |
| | Methodology, analysis, argument | 40 | 30 |
| Total | | 80 | 58 |
| Minor Criteria | | | |
| | Sources | 10 | 9 |
| | Style | 5 | 4 |
| | Formal requirements | 5 | 4 |
| Total | | 20 | 17 |
| TOTAL | | 100 | 79 |



Evaluation

Major criteria and evaluation

This is a thesis on a highly topical issue, the EU-Iranian relations against the backdrop of the JPOA and JCPOA, and negotiations of and around it. The author presents a research design, with two RQs, which seem adequate for the task. Ambitiously, he sets to combine RSCT with Giddens and Sewell's structuration theory, two major contributions to better balanced understanding of interactions between agency and structure in social science. The problem that comes, however, is the lack of application of the theoretical framework to the empirical part of the thesis. The empirical thesis starts very descriptively, charting the historical background, and detached from the theoretical base which seems to be left there without a purpose in this light. The impacts of the nuclear deal, once again, are well documented and considered at the empirical front but no connections to the above theorization are made. The discussion of the findings is rather weak and the conclusion almost inadequate in its scope and depth. What would have otherwise been a quality thesis is bogged down by a separation between the self-standing and detached theory from the empirical analysis, which becomes tangential and descriptive at times. I give it B/C depending on the quality of the defence.

Suggested grade: B/C

Signature:

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

Nik Hynek