

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

GPS – Geopolitical Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Effects of hydrocarbon discoveries on stability of the Eastern Mediterranean
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Comments of the referee on the thesis highlights and shortcomings (following the four numbered aspects of your assessment indicated below).

- 1) Contribution and argument:** The author picks a very interesting topic of contemporary geopolitics. Impacts of drilling of energy resources on relations among states generally, and in the Eastern Mediterranean specifically, constitutes a task worth researching. Unfortunately, the thesis turns out to be extremely descriptive. A significant part of the thesis just covers the existing relations and actors without providing any major new insight. This is very visible in the “analytical” chapter 6 that sometimes unnecessarily repeats basic facts on countries’ relationship – see the first paragraph of 6.5. – and is not much guided by the theses’ theory, ending up rather shallow. The conclusion is insufficient to answer the research question properly. Also, it is somehow confusing, why there is almost no mention of Libya, which would be preferably explained by the student at the thesis defence.
- 2) Theoretical and methodological framework:** The thesis plans to utilize Regional Security Complex Theory and case study methodology which are appropriately selected. What is weaker is the actual application. The text has rather underdeveloped connection to theory, thus lacking in analytical insight.
- 3) Sources and literature:** The number of sources and citations seem to be fine.
- 4) Manuscript form and structure:** The form and structure of the text are good.
- 5) Quality of presentation:** There are some minor typos but otherwise, the text is well written.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	27
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	10
<i>Sources and literature (max. 10 points)</i>	10
<i>Manuscript form and structure (max. 15 points)</i>	15
<i>Quality of presentation (grammar, style, coherence) (max. 10 points)</i>	9
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	71
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	C

Suggested questions for the defence are:

What is the role of Libya in the regional security dynamics related to the discoveries of the energy resources?

I recommend the thesis for final defence.

Referee Signature

Overall grading scheme at FSV UK:

TOTAL POINTS	GRADE	Quality standard
91 – 100	A	= outstanding (high honor)
81 – 90	B	= superior (honor)
71 – 80	C	= good
61 – 70	D	= satisfactory
51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.