



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **Degrees of Feasibility: An Analysis from a Political Perspective of Germany's and Poland's Transition from Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy in the Context of the European Green Deal**

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	0/5
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
Total		80	44
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
Total		20	17
TOTAL		100	61



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Comparative analysis of the approach of two EU countries to the fundamental strategy of GD and decarbonization of the economy from a political perspective. I consider the choice of both countries appropriate as it allows to show the differences in approach on multiple levels. It is not only a matter of differences in economic condition, technological readiness, energy security, but also in the perception of political sovereignty and the resulting differences in the willingness to accept the EU strategy.

The analysis carried out more or less confirmed the assumption of a difference in political awareness, public opinion and economic vulnerability of the monitored countries. But I miss the inclusion of a historical analysis of both countries in the context of the 20th century, when historical experience, path dependency determines the development of public opinion, the political climate and the willingness to cooperate in the international environment. And, of course, it also determines the feasibility of such demanding goals - not only economically, technologically, but also institutionally. This aspect should not be ignored by the work defended in the political sciences, on the contrary, it should be accentuated.

Minor criteria:

The submitted work is rather short - the text itself covers 50 pages; it is an exaggeration to say that the title of the paper is longer than the elaboration...

Assessment of plagiarism:

I find no signs of plagiarism

Overall evaluation:

Very interesting topic, well-chosen countries for case studies. But the historical excursion of both countries according its role in the IR, special in European integration after WWII. is missing.

The theoretical framework is absent, the only mention is MLG in chapter 1.2., without being developed theoretically. But what about the theory of energy security, e.g.? Or International political economy? Public choice theory? If the author aims to compare the differences by accentuating the critical role of political dynamics, then the absence of a theoretical part is a fundamental deficiency. On the other hand, the structure of the work and the conceptualization of the analysis, except for the theoretical framework, is logical.



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Potential Defense Questions:

What historical experiences determine the behavior of these states in the international field and their involvement in the European integration process? The role of political elites and socio-economic conditions in the formation of public opinion in connection with GD?

Suggested grade: D

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