

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

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

Thesis title:	Chinese securitization of the main water sources in South and Southeast Asia: Brahmaputra and Mekong comparison
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1) Contribution and argument:

The author submits an original and up-to-date diploma thesis for defense, which is dedicated to an important geopolitical topic, which is the phenomenon of water security. Specifically, in her research, she focused on the comparison of two important watercourses, or regimes that are linked to these watercourses - the Mekong and the Brahmaputra.

The text of the thesis is logically structured, the analysis is based on relevant and up-to-date information and data. The conclusions reached by the author can be considered well-argued and convincing.

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The theoretical concepts, as well as the methodological approach chosen by the author, are appropriate to the nature of the topic. Everything is clearly presented in the text of the diploma thesis (chapter 1, parts 1.6 and 1.7) and then carefully applied to the subject itself.

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The diploma thesis is based on enough academic and other information sources. Sources are carefully and properly cited throughout the entire text of the thesis.

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<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	35
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	22
<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>	10
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	92
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

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