

MASTER'S EXAMINER REPORT

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

Thesis title:	Deploying the Silicon Web – The Role of ICT Companies in the Russian Invasion of Ukraine
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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 presented thesis develops a very important analysis of the role of non-state networks in wartime environment. The text presents a theory-driven analysis of the Russian invasion of Ukraine to highlight the role of the networks upon the chessboard conduct of war. Its argument is rooted large amount of data, despite the limitations given by the fact that the war is still ongoing. The conclusions are strong, and the thesis clearly brings an important contribution to our understanding of the role of networks in the 21st century geopolitics.

2) Theoretical and methodological framework:

The thesis is developed along the lines of Slaughter's Chess and Web theory. The theory is utilized correctly. The methodology of the work is fitting its goals and applied consistently and correctly.

3) Sources and literature:

The text uses large number of relevant literature. The sources and citations are without any issues.

4) Manuscript form and structure:

The manuscript form is meeting all the criteria, and the structure is logical.

5) Quality of presentation

The quality of language used is high. I did not find any issues.

CATEGORY	POINTS
<i>Contribution (research quality, analysis, and conclusions) (max. 40 points)</i>	38
<i>Theoretical and methodological framework (max. 25 points)</i>	24
<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)	97
The proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F)	A

Suggested questions for the defence are:

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.