



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Supply and Demand: The Intersection between ISIS's Offerings to Women and Women's Motivation to Join

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	40
<i>Total</i>		80	80
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	99



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Anastasia Latenkova's thesis, titled *Supply and Demand: The Intersection between ISIS's Offerings to Women and Women's Motivation to Join*, makes a significant and much-needed contribution to the field of radicalization studies. The decision to conduct a meta-analysis of academic research on women's motivations to join ISIS is commendable. Furthermore, her innovative application of the supply-demand model, adapted from microeconomics, provides a novel and important framework for understanding the dynamics of ISIS recruitment.

A key strength of Anastasia's work lies in her methodologically rigorous and original categorization of women's motivations to join ISIS. Particularly notable is her insightful distinction between the motivations of foreign and local women, which adds depth to the analysis. Her effort to unravel the complexities of these motivations is evident in the meticulous thematic analysis she conducted, leading to the identification of unique categories such as survival, affinity, personal development, duty, and excitement.

Anastasia has also crafted a well-argued and reflective introduction, which, combined with an excellent literature review, is one of the strongest I have encountered in a student thesis over the years. Additionally, her detailed glossary of Islamic and Arabic terms reflects the considerable effort she invested in ensuring clarity and precision in her work.

While the thesis is exceptionally strong, there is a minor area for potential improvement. The methodology section could have been enhanced by a brief discussion on the structure and rationale of qualitative meta-analysis, or by considering alternative or complementary methods for such studies. It might also have been interesting to incorporate a quantitative element, such as the frequency of specific motivational dimensions, although this would likely exceed the typical scope of a Master's thesis.



Minor criteria:

The thesis is clearly and logically structured. However, there is a minor issue with the referencing style: in-text citations should precede any punctuation marks, such as commas or periods. The current placement of citations after periods can be slightly distracting for the reader.

Assessment of plagiarism:

Anti-plagiarism software has confirmed that the submitted thesis is original, and to the best of my knowledge, it does not improperly borrow from the works of other authors in any ethically questionable manner.

Overall evaluation:

I am pleased to recommend Anastasia Latenkova's exceptional thesis for defence. It represents a truly scholarly piece of work that, to my knowledge, is the first meta-study on women's motivations to join ISIS, complemented by a novel theoretical model. I want to commend Anastasia for the tremendous effort she put into this research and the relentless curiosity that drove her work. It has been a great privilege to serve as the advisor for such a talented and diligent student. I also recommend that this excellent work be published, either as an academic paper or a short book.

Suggested grade:

A

Signature: