



## 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
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	38
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	75
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	95



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

This thesis offers an excellent and well-sourced critique of the prevailing gendered and orientalist perspectives on ISIS women, making a strong case for a more nuanced understanding of their motivations. The thesis's objectives and research question promise a valuable and original contribution to existing scholarship, further supported by a thorough literature review and the innovative application of a microeconomic supply and demand framework.

The empirical analysis within the thesis is particularly rich and insightful, showcasing the author's meticulous work with existing literature and her ability to conduct an original meta-analysis of secondary sources. These empirical findings are a valuable contribution on their own, significantly enhancing the understanding of the topic.

However, there are some areas that could be refined, which the author may want to address during the defence. Firstly, the thematic analysis, particularly regarding the broad theme of "survival," is somewhat overextended, encompassing a wide range of motivations that vary greatly between local and foreign women. This breadth could undermine the utility of the theme.

Secondly, while the supply-demand framework is a productive way to analyse the radicalization process, the application of microeconomic theory appears somewhat limited. The attempt to transpose a theory with quantitative variables into the qualitative domain of motivations stretches its applicability. Additionally, the empirical material does not fully leverage the dynamic nature of microeconomic theory. This would be applicable if, e.g., the analysis observed adjustment of supply in time, demonstrating that ISIS was looking for a market equilibrium.

Lastly, the main research question of the thesis reads: "What is the connection between women's motivation to join ISIS and the ISIS's offering to women?" The thesis does a great job in analysing both women's motivation and ISIS's offerings. However, apart from an underwhelming argument for a microeconomic supply-demand model, the thesis does not attempt to explicitly link the specific motivations (themes and subthemes) with offerings (specific roles and benefits).

### Minor criteria:

ok

Assessment of plagiarism: ok



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**Overall evaluation:**

**Despite its excessive length, this thesis is highly accessible and presents valuable research in a readable manner. Although some aspects of the conceptual framework are not entirely convincing, the author ultimately makes an excellent contribution to the scholarship.**

**Suggested grade: A**

**Signature:**