



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: **The connection between the Visegrad identity and the acts of the Visegrad countries in the European Union**

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	17
<i>Total</i>		80	44
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	3
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	16
TOTAL		100	60



Evaluation

Major criteria:

A rather complex topic, hard to grasp, yet interesting. The attempt at a critical discursive analysis is to be appreciated, although the result does not fully correspond to the original intentions. An attempt to analyze the assumed Visegrad identity is based on the theoretical framework of social constructivism, which is a logical choice.

The author has set two RQs, but I am afraid that their formulation is too subjective and presupposes the graduate's opinion. This, however, moves the entire research beyond the "independent" results of discursive analysis. Is there really a phenomenon of common identity of countries/citizens of the Visegrad Group? I do not think that the work presented would confirm this premise. The graduate himself presents a constructivist opinion on the creation of a common identity thanks to common interests and jointly shared values (p. 15), then the role of the 2015 migration crisis will not be as strong as the author assumes. The question is, what or who represents the states - public opinion? Government? President? The media? The answer is not entirely clear from the text - again, the work has a very subjective impression on me.

Minor criteria:

The author does not allow other possibilities of interpretation in the text, his approach is strongly subjective. Literature review is not completely representative.

Assessment of plagiarism: NO

Overall evaluation:

The too unclear topic of the potential Visegrad identity and its possible enforcement within the EU, where one can expect problems with the verification of premises, which was fully reflected in the text. I am not sure about the discursive analysis done, as a lot of the data seems to be purposefully selected. Nevertheless, I appreciate this attempt to process such a controversial and vague phenomenon.

Suggested grade: D (at the very bottom limit)

Signature:



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