



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: The European Immigration Policies During the Refugee Crisis and the Impact on “Transit” Countries: A Comparative Analysis between Turkey and Morocco

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	33
<i>Total</i>		80	67
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	85



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis addresses the significant and practically relevant topic of European migration policy, specifically focusing on the externalization of European borders and its effects on transit countries like Morocco and Turkey. The study's primary strength lies in its data collection, with substantial field research conducted in Turkey and Morocco, where the author gathered approximately 20 interviews with representatives of migration-related NGOs and migrants. This hands-on approach provides valuable first-hand insights.

However, the thesis does not fully capitalize on the potential of this data in its analysis. The theoretical framework, which seeks to link the securitization of migration, externalization of borders, and human security, is not sufficiently substantiated. The case study analysis is relatively brief and lacks depth, primarily due to the reliance on interviews as the sole source of information. This section would benefit greatly from being complemented by secondary literature and document analysis to provide a more comprehensive understanding.

Additionally, the literature review serves more as a factual introduction rather than a critical analysis that identifies a knowledge gap. Sharpening the focus and relevance of the thesis by clearly articulating such a gap would enhance its contribution to the field.

Despite these weaknesses, the author's engagement with field research is commendable and provides important insights into the migration dynamics in Turkey and Morocco.

Minor criteria: ok

Assessment of plagiarism: ok

Overall evaluation:

This thesis stands out for its data collection effort in the field. The author possesses a unique insight into the migration issues in Morocco and Turkey. This great potential, however, is not utilized to its full extent.

Suggested grade: B

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