



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Analyzing the Security Dilemma in the Arctic Region through the Lenses of Securitization

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	9
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	
TOTAL		100	89



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis addresses the critical question of how securitization in the Arctic region impacts the security dilemma, with a particular focus on the intersubjective dynamics between the United States and Russia. The study effectively demonstrates how language and discourse are instrumental in constructing threats, highlighting the role of political actors in shaping perceptions of menace.

Through a well-organized analysis of speeches and strategic documents, the thesis illustrates how the Arctic has transitioned in both Russian and US political discourse from a zone of cooperation to one of military tension. The work is competently structured, beginning with a literature review that covers the security dilemma, securitization, and Arctic policy. The methodology is clearly defined, and the theoretical framework convincingly argues for a constructivist approach to the security dilemma, closely linking it with securitization theory. The analysis of Russian and US discourse on the Arctic is thorough and well-executed.

While the thesis does not engage with highly sophisticated theoretical literature or present an innovative research design, nor does it delve into an extensive array of empirical sources, it nonetheless offers a solid, well-constructed analysis. The conclusions drawn are relevant and contribute meaningfully to both the understanding of the security dilemma and Arctic geopolitics.

Minor criteria: ok

Assessment of plagiarism: ok

Overall evaluation:

This thesis provides a competent and carefully crafted analysis, offering valuable insights into the securitization of the Arctic and its implications for international relations between the US and Russia.

Suggested grade: B

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