



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	71
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	91



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation seeks to analyze the role of women in the Islamic State's propaganda operation. The aim is two-fold. First, to understand the dynamics of propaganda dissemination when performed by women. And second, to understand the role of gender-specific topics in the Islamic State propaganda. The dissertation provides a robust review of existing research on gendered propaganda (of the Islamic State). The empirical analysis utilizes official propaganda magazines of the Islamic State, Dabiq and Rumiya, complemented by social media posts gathered from secondary literature.

The empirical analysis is solid and delivers on the research goals. I especially appreciated how carefully the dissertation reconstructed the female agency in the Islamic State's milieu.

Minor criteria:

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.

All minor criteria are met.

Overall evaluation:

This is an excellent dissertation. The analyzed empirical material allows it to derive solid conclusions regarding a phenomenon that was underestimated in the past.



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