



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	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	33
<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 examines discourses that sought to legitimize NATO's intervention in Kosovo in 1999. Methodologically and conceptually, it builds on critical discourse analysis to examine the Clinton administration's legitimizing narratives. The paper also appropriately presents historical and political contexts that can be used for interpretative framing of the narratives. I particularly appreciated that critical discourse analysis is done well and includes not only a linguistically oriented perspective but also a follow-up critical reflection on the discourse itself. It is a pity that the dissertation did not offer a more systematic interpretation. Interpretation is part of the individual themes, but the overall view is unfortunately missing. Generally, the dissertation is very well written and has a clear structure. It very nicely reconstructs narratives that resonated in the context of one of the first problematic post-Cold War interventions.

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:

A very nice piece of research that is conceptually as well as methodologically well-done. There are some interpretation issues that detract from the overall value, but apart from them, an excellent work.



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