



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: (De)constructing the Noble Anvil: The 1999 NATO Bombing in Bill Clinton's Political Discourse

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Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
<i>Total</i>		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	92



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis examines the legitimization discourses used by the Clinton administration to justify the Kosovo operation. The thesis is logically structured and in all its parts builds on appropriate disciplinary literature. The author employs a critical discursive analysis that is appropriately grounded in the political and general historical context. The individual narrative structures are well operationalised and allow for effective empirical application.

I particularly appreciate that the analysis undertaken does not focus only on linguistic turns of phrase, but also critically reflects on narratives in a social context. It is a pity that the author did not devote more space to the final interpretation, which could have appropriately concluded the whole research.

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:

Overall, this is a well and convincingly written paper.

Suggested grade: A



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