



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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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	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
<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:

This dissertation examines the strategic transformation of Australian foreign and security policy in terms of the abandonment of the pragmatic hedging strategy. This is a very interesting and fruitful topic that offers a non-Eurocentric perspective on China's regional and global ambitions. The author chooses to base his explanation theoretically on the neorealist concept of balance of threat and constructivist literature focusing on identity and cultural affinity.

The theoretical framework is certainly well chosen and the empirical analysis very convincing. From a research design perspective, however, it should be noted that the theoretical perspectives offered tend to back up the empirical explanations. In a way, the dissertation comes across as self-explanatory. On the other hand, however, the author declares the aim of offering a theoretical perspective of a generally under-theorized topic.

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:

Very interesting paper focusing on one of the radical strategic shifts. Well done!

Suggested grade: A



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