



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Urbanism and Authoritarian Resilience: Preventing Popular Uprisings in Egypt

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	67
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	87



Evaluation

Major criteria: see below

Minor criteria: see below

Assessment of plagiarism: not detected

Overall evaluation:

This diploma provides a comprehensive exploration of the interplay between urban planning and authoritarian resilience, particularly within the context of post-2013 Cairo. The thesis is structured into three main parts: a historical and conceptual literature review, a theoretical and methodological framework, and an empirical analysis of specific urban projects in Cairo. The author investigates how the regime's urban planning strategies have contributed to political repression and regime stability, focusing on key projects such as the New Administrative Capital and the reorganization of Cairo's public spaces following the Arab Spring.

The structure of the thesis is logical, with each section building upon the previous one to form a cohesive argument. The research questions are clearly defined, particularly the main question about the role of urban design in the political repression of the current military regime in Egypt. The objectives are well-articulated, aiming to demonstrate the connection between urban planning and authoritarian resilience. The theoretical framework draws heavily on Foucauldian concepts of sovereignty, disciplinarity, and biopolitics, which are appropriately applied to the analysis of urban spaces in Cairo. The methodology, primarily a comparative single case study, is sound and includes a robust triangulation of data sources, including satellite imagery, maps, and primary Arabic sources. The empirical analysis is thorough, providing detailed examinations of specific urban projects and their implications for political control and social order.

Suggested grade: A

Signature:



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