



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	29
<i>Total</i>		80	65
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	85



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation studies peace processes in Northern Ireland and Colombia by analyzing language used in the resulting peace agreements and by comparing the cases attempts to find causes behind differences in Northern Ireland and Colombia. Galtung's positive peace concept is used to theoretically frame the issue.

Initial sections of literature review are unnecessarily broad and unfocused. Parts related to Galtung's approach rely on unusually frequent use of longer quotations, a practice that is not entirely appropriate for this type of work. Some of modern approaches to meaning construction through language are explained well, even though what is presented lags behind the state-of-the-art understanding. Hypotheses could be organized and expressed in a more straightforward way.

Analyses of both cases are done well and show that the author is well-oriented in key documents and is able to focus on topics that can communicate with the constructed conceptual framework. My main problem with the dissertation lies in the underdeveloped comparison of the cases. Due to the declared goals, this should have been the most important part that deserved much more space and attention. In reality, we are presented with only two pages of cursory comments.

Minor criteria:

Minor criteria are met.

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.



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Overall evaluation:

Overall, there are some literature review issues, mostly related to its unnecessary broadness. Conceptualization and methodology are robust enough as are analyses of individual cases. The dissertation does not deliver in terms of comparing the cases and drawing results in line with the declared goals.



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