



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Perception of Chinese and Russian Influence in Central Asia: A Case Study of Kazakhstan's Perspective

Programme/year: International Relations; 2024

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| Criteria | Definition | Maximum | Points |
|----------------|---|------------|-----------|
| Major Criteria | | | |
| | Research question, definition of objectives | 10 | 10 |
| | Theoretical/conceptual framework | 30 | 29 |
| | Methodology, analysis, argument | 40 | 38 |
| <i>Total</i> | | <i>80</i> | <i>77</i> |
| Minor Criteria | | | |
| | Sources | 10 | 10 |
| | Style | 5 | 5 |
| | Formal requirements | 5 | 5 |
| <i>Total</i> | | <i>20</i> | <i>20</i> |
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| TOTAL | | 100 | 97 |



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The student has chosen an important and timely topic, examining the perceptions of Chinese and Russian influence in Kazakhstan. This area of study is critical for understanding the broader geopolitical shifts in Central Asia. The research employs a qualitative content analysis, which is well-suited for exploring the perceptions and narratives surrounding Chinese and Russian influence.

The student successfully managed to identify a research gap within the existing literature, which is the lack of constructivist approach towards the Russian and Chinese influence in the area of the Central Asia. By addressing this gap, the thesis makes a significant contribution to academic discussions.

The methodology section is thoroughly developed, demonstrating the student's ability to design and implement a qualitative content analysis. The selection of sources, data collection, and analytical techniques are clearly explained and appropriately justified.

Minor criteria:

The thesis is well-written, using appropriate academic style. The student used an adequate and relevant range of sources. The selection of primary and secondary sources is appropriate and supports the research goal.

All formal requirements have been fulfilled. The methodology is clearly outlined, and the analysis is well-supported by evidence from the data collected.

Assessment of plagiarism:

The thesis does not exhibit any signs of plagiarism.

Overall evaluation:

The thesis is logically structured, with concise goal, theoretical and methodological backgrounds. Overall, this thesis fulfills all requirements for a master's thesis.

Suggested grade: A



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