



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Beyond Restrictions: Analyzing the Impact of Arms Embargoes on Arms Exports

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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	39
<i>Total</i>		80	78
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	98



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This thesis offers an excellent exploration of the impact of arms embargoes on arms exports, tackling a topic that is both academically significant and practically relevant. The research is grounded in a comprehensive literature review that thoroughly analyses a wide array of perspectives, clearly aligning with the research objectives. This sets a strong foundation for the study.

The research design is proficiently developed, with a rigorous approach to data collection, manipulation, and analysis. The findings are systematically presented, revealing intriguing results. Notably, out of five intuitively convincing hypotheses, the empirical analysis supported only the hypothesised negative effects of EU membership. Interestingly, contrary to the hypothesised effects of arms embargoes on arms export in general, the analysis finds an opposite effect – a significant increase in arms exports in response to embargoes. The discussion chapter is particularly commendable, as the author engages deeply with the surprising results, effectively situating them within the existing scholarship. This demonstrates a high level of proficiency in both analysis and critical thinking.

One area for further discussion during the defence concerns the operationalization of the share of embargoed markets. While the research is robust, there may be room for refinement in this aspect. The study appears to count the quantity of embargoes in a given year, but it might be more accurate to estimate the proportion of embargoed countries in the global economy or their share of global military power. Given the potentially negligible impact of some embargoed countries on the global arms market, this could enhance the precision of the analysis.

In conclusion, this thesis is an exceptionally well-executed piece of research that makes a significant contribution to the ongoing debate on the effectiveness of arms embargoes. The author's rigorous approach and insightful analysis make it a valuable addition to the field.

Minor criteria: ok

Assessment of plagiarism: ok

Overall evaluation:

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Suggested grade: A

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