



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Viktor Orbán's National Hungarian Identity Construct: Securitization of the 2015/2016 European Migrant Crisis as Existential Threat?

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Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	20
Total		80	48
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	7
	Style	5	2
	Formal requirements	5	1
Total		20	11
TOTAL		100	59



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The evaluation of Ken's thesis must be done along two lines.

First, the thesis provides very well-written and sound analysis of Orban's discourse over the migrant crisis. The analysis is conceptually grounded in social identity theory and methodologically informed by a combination of discourse analytical approaches. Against this well-prepared background the interpretation empirically strong and convincing.

The thesis has an adequate resource base both in theoretical as well as empirical parts.

From the analytical perspective, and given the methodologies applied, it might be quite interesting to see more interdiscursive linkages to other spheres of the Hungarian identity and its historical (political) development.

The above-mentioned note could become even more relevant since the thesis shows essential problems in fulfilling the formal criterion of lengths. Speeches and other primary resources are fundamental for any discourse oriented interpretation. Ken opted for a strategy to include primary resources directly to the text which apparently made his interpretation clearer more convincing. However, if this is the case then the thesis should be extended correspondingly making sure that the author's texts fulfils the page count required for MA thesis

Minor criteria:

Apart from the length issue, the thesis fulfils all minor criteria.



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Overall evaluation:

The overall evaluation is particularly difficult in this case. The thesis has a potential to be excellent as it is well conceptually and methodologically grounded and the interpretation is strong and convincing. On the other hand the formal length issue is too serious to be completely overlooked here. That all said I still recommend the thesis for defence.

Suggested grade:

Good

Signature: dr. Vít Strítecký