Review

Master thesis:

International cooperation facing new security challenges: theoretical explanation

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1. Assessment of the thesis

№ п. п.	Criterias	grades: • excellent (5)	comments
		• good (4)	
		• satisfactory (3)	
		• non-satisfactory (2)	
1.	Relevance of the topic (AOM: OKM-13, 22; AM: OKM-8,16, ПК-36; ПОМ: ПК-6)	• excellent (5)	The topic is highly
			relevant, it is important
			for various international
			actors. It is widely
			discussed by the
			politicians and scholars.
2.	Novelty (AOM: ОКМ-13, 22; АМ: ОКМ-8,16, ПК-36; ПОМ: ПК-6)	• good (4)	The author has a rather
			ambitious idea to
			reconsider theoretical
			interpretation of
			international
			cooperation facing new
			security challenges, but
			it was necessary to
			explain it in a more
3.	Conventness of goal setting	• cood (4)	detailed way. The aim of the research
3.	Correctness of goal setting, interrelatedness of goal and objectives (AOM: OKM- 9, 13, 32; AM: ΠΚ-10, 11; ΠΟΜ: OKM-12)	• good (4)	is indicated in a clear
			way showing direction
			of the research but it
			limits the topic mainly
			to environmental
			challenges. The author
			also determines a set of
			tasks enabling him to
			proceed with the
			research.
4.	Completeness and quality of the	• excellent (5)	The author has
	primary sources	()	collected a vast variety
	(AOM: ПК-17; AM: OKM- 24; ПОМ: ОКМ-18, ПК-13)		of primary sources. The
			introduction includes an
			overview of the primary
			sources used in the
			paper.
5.	Study of the existing research literature on the topic (AOM: ΠΚ-17; AM: OKM- 24; ΠΟΜ: OKM-18, ΠΚ-13)	• excellent (5)	The author has studied
			a vast variety of
			secondary sources, in
			particular theoretical
			literature.

6.	Selection of research methods (AOM: OKM-2; AM: OKM-10, ΠΚ-26; ΠΟΜ: OKM-11, 14)	• good (4)	The research would benefit from a more profound analytical and methodological framework.
7.	The goal of the research is achieved (AOM: OKM-1,7, ΠΚ-33; AM: OKM- 17, ΠΚ-12, 37; ΠΟΜ: OKM-14, ΠΚ-14, 17)	• excellent (5)	The concluding remarks are clear and well-argued. The research purpose has been achieved.
8.	Quality of the text (AOM: OKM-1; AM: OKM-8; ПОМ: OKM-7)	• excellent (5)	The author provided a high quality research. The text is nicely phrased and properly arranged.
9.	Evaluation of the student's research activity	• good (4)	Shahin Huseynzade was doing the research throughout the two years of studying considering theoretical framework, collecting information and analyzing data.
	Average rating:	• excellent (4,55)	

2. Conclusions and recommendations to the Evaluation Commission:

This master thesis is a high quality research in terms of theoretical framework, analytical capabilities and writing skills. It corresponds to the criteria for master thesis in International Relations.

3. Recommended grade (excellent, good, satisfactory, non-satisfactory):

Excellent.

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