



Review of Master's Thesis– Opponent

Title: Changing Foreign Policy of the JDP in the Context of Turkish National Identity

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	Criteria	Classification level
1.	Achievement of the aims of the thesis	1
2.	Logical structure of the thesis	1
3.	Work with literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of used methods	2
5.	Depth of analysis with regard to the topic	1
6.	Individual approach to writing	1
7.	Formal arrangement of the thesis	1
8.	Language and stylistic arrangement of the thesis	3

Comments on and questions to the thesis:

Changing Foreign Policy of the JDP in the Context of Turkish National Identity (Master's Thesis) is an example of an interesting and a high-quality research paper. The author begins by stating her research question (How has the Turkish foreign policy changed during the JDP era in the context of Turkish national identities?) and works diligently towards fulfilling the thesis' stated goals. The thesis is well-structured, logical, and formally complete. However, there are minor shortcomings – namely, the language. The work should have been proofread as sometimes it is quite difficult to read (it takes two or three times to understand a sentence); similarly, for an unknown reason, the author changes font/size in the middle of a sentence on p. 45 which seems utterly unprofessional. In terms of content, I have to commend the in-depth analysis the author has done; her ability to cite and use literature and sources is outstanding. That said, the thesis appears a bit descriptive at times as a cost for the massive amount of information the reader receives. Possibly the biggest fallback of the thesis is the lack of theoretical background behind the term “identity”. The work should have been more theoretically rooted, with an identity theory developed. Overall, I find this thesis to be above-average and I do recommend it for defence with the grading 2 or 1 depending on the author's ability to defend her thesis. Question: Which of the three different Turkish identities do you suggest will prevail in the near future and why?

Conclusion: I recommend the thesis for defence.

Suggested classification: **2**

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