

## **BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS ADVISOR**

**Thesis topic:** Pacifism to Preparedness: Game Theory Insights into Japan's Military Development

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*Evaluation contains objective and critical analysis of a bachelor thesis proposal. Evaluation should be considered by the following criteria:*

Criteria for the evaluation of the final thesis	Max. points	Points given by evaluator
1. Methodological aspect (logical frame, process of inquiry, topic specification, how realistic are set goals and how adequate are proposed working methods)	10	8
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, Familiarity with relevant literature	15	14
3. Formatting and style	15	15
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	5
5. Systematic approach	15	13
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>

**Final evaluation:** 93 A (90-100 points), B (80-89 points), C (70-79 points), D (60-69 points), E (50-59 points), Fx(<49 points)

### **Evaluation, comments, and recommendations of the thesis advisor:**

The thesis analyzes a current hot and sensitive issue of Japan's military buildup from the point of view of game theory, which allows for the analysis of individual stakeholders in regional security dilemma, as well as various combinations of strategies they may choose examined through the lens of game theory.

The methodology is well described and thorough. The expert interviews are a particularly valuable addition to the text, enriching the otherwise academic desk analysis, bringing insight and experience. The application of the game theories represents the main part of the thesis. More could have been done here, as it rests primarily on the application of the prisoners' dilemma, though game theory offers more models to consider.

The author has worked independently and has utilized knowledge gained during her study abroad period in Japan. The background analysis benefited from this immersion and is particularly well done. Given the author's stay abroad and subsequent travels, we were not in as frequent touch as I would have liked, which also resulted in little time for final feedback and its incorporation. Within the frame of the circumstances, the thesis rests on solid ground, rooted in wealth of theoretical literature. Overall, the thesis provides a fresh look into why and how Japanese military buildup might make sense, where the actor-by-actor analysis in relation to Japan's military choices makes good sense. It is a timely and interesting contribution to this field of literature.

**I recommend this thesis toward bachelor thesis defense in June 2024.**

In Bratislava, on: \_\_17.5. 2024\_(date)

Signature of evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_