

Comments from Professor Nick Burns:

John Ferguson has written an outstanding thesis on one of the most difficult and important challenges of our time—how to produce an effective collaboration between the United States and the People’s Republic of China on Climate Change.

John has taken a creative and novel approach in advocating Project Terra as a successor to the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement.

In developing the ideas at the foundation of this thesis over the past months, John has worked tirelessly to produce a work that challenges conventional wisdom and thinks anew about how these two countries might put aside their strategic competition for collaborative work on an issue that is vital to the future of both and of the world beyond.

In reading the thesis and discussing it with John, I found his work to be original in its research and themes and courageous in suggesting an entirely different approach than has been considered by the two governments.

In researching and writing this thesis, John drew upon his deep and extensive knowledge of modern China—its politics, economics, technological and social conditions. John is the most impressive student I have taught in his understanding of China and in his commitment to build even deeper knowledge as he considers professional and academic opportunities after graduating from Harvard.

I believe this thesis deserves the highest grade and merits strong consideration for the Fletcher Award.



RSEA Thesis Grade Report

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Thesis Advisor/Reader's Report

Thesis title:

Project Terra: U.S.-China-led Global Energy Diplomacy for Climate Change

This thesis is given a grade of:

- Outstanding--Fletcher Award nominee
- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Passable
- Unacceptable (*please contact RSEA immediately*)

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