

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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Dissertation Title	A Target-Centric Intelligence: How Efficient is Cooperation Between the Local Police Departments and the FIU within the Finnish AML/CTF model?

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION GRADING

Reviewer 1 Initial Grade <i>For internal use only</i>	Reviewer 2 Initial Grade <i>For internal use only</i>	Late Submission Penalty <i>no penalty</i>
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DISSERTATION FEEDBACK

Assessment Criteria	Rating
A. Structure and Development of Answer	
This refers to your organisational skills and ability to construct an argument in a coherent and original manner	
• <i>Originality of topic</i>	Good
• <i>Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified</i>	Good
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Satisfactory
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Weak
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Weak
B. Use of Source Material	
This refers to your skills to select and use relevant information and data in a correct manner	
• <i>Evidence of reading and review of published literature</i>	Good
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Good
• <i>Critical analysis and evaluation of evidence</i>	Very Good
• <i>Accuracy of factual data</i>	Very Good
C. Academic Style	
This refers to your ability to write in a formal academic manner	
• <i>Appropriate formal and clear writing style</i>	Excellent
• <i>Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation</i>	Excellent
• <i>Consistent and accurate referencing (including complete bibliography)</i>	Very Good
• <i>Is the dissertation free from plagiarism?</i>	Yes
• <i>Evidence of ethics approval included (if required based on methodology)</i>	Not required

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- *Appropriate word count*

Yes

ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

Globally, the thesis considers an important aspect of intelligence function, namely the financial intelligence and it considers it inside the Finnish case study. The discussion of the Finnish perspective and experience is probably the best part of all the thesis, for the granularity of information reported of the evidence considered. If the case study is sufficiently well planned (see below for more considerations on this point), several aspects have to be discussed.

The first observation is about the structure. The thesis is much more focused on police, law enforcement techniques and financial intelligence but related to those two aspects. It is not clear (since the fourth chapter) what is the specific role of intelligence inside the picture. Indeed, the description of the Finnish approach is clear but it is not always clear the direction of the argument and where will be finally analyzed the "Target-Centric intelligence". Then, a different order of the arguments could have improved the impact of the arguments themselves e.g. starting with a general discussion of financial intelligence inside the intelligence and counterintelligence functions etc. Then, a general analysis of the target centric intelligence and finally the case study. Instead, the thesis starts with a too general overview of the arguments and then considers only in the fourth chapter these relevant aspects. Then, the reader is not always able to follow the thread of the thesis, which is a bit involute in this sense. Finally, the conclusions are very limited and they should be expanded to portray the main results of the thesis and, maybe, considering its limitations and further possible research (which are considered in two different paragraphs in the end of the fourth chapter but actually are logically part of the conclusions).

The introduction helps the reader to frame the research inside a consistent framework. However, the discussion of the theoretical framework is very short and it does not discuss sufficiently the role of financial intelligence inside a general conception of intelligence as such. This would have been useful to show the general impact of the research outside the case study presented (in a very substantial amount of details). However, in this sense, the thesis could have been stronger if the link between the case study and the general framework would have been discussed more deeply. Indeed, the functions of financial intelligence are considered (pp. 27-28) but the discussion is not sufficient to fill the gap previously underlined (especially because the analysis is limited to a specific set of agencies and it is not a general conception of it etc). The author could have considered the role and methods used by counterintelligence. Indeed, counterintelligence much more than intelligence (strategic or tactical) is a set of (neo)-investigative activities, whose nature is very similar (and quite relevant) for the discussion of the thesis. In this sense, the literature review could have been expanded to consider more intelligence and, as said, counterintelligence. Instead, the literature is detailed on the AML/CTF side, but it could have consider more other aspects of the topic of the thesis (e.g. how AML/CTF is related to intelligence as such). In the same line, it could have been interesting to try to create a conjunction between "financial intelligence" and the other classic intelligence functions. Especially for this reason, the reviewer is arguing in favor of a more comprehensive description and analysis of intelligence and (especially) counterintelligence in the open societies.

The discussion of the Finnish case is sufficiently detailed, and its description is definitely satisfactory. I would suggest a different structure of the chapter. Again, at least in the beginning of the chapter, after the general description of the Finnish political and geographical framework, an introduction to Finnish intelligence practices could have been beneficial to the discussion of the Finnish approach to financial intelligence (something which is indeed done after).

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The thesis is linguistically very well written: it is definitely appropriate from a formal perspective. The spelling is definitely accurate and the evidence is properly referenced inside the text and the bibliography is satisfactory.

Reviewer 2

This dissertation proves the author's great insight into the topic of AML/CTF and, specifically, into the Finnish use of financial intelligence in the law enforcement system. The dissertation provides a competent overview of the relevant academic literature, international framework of AML/CTF effort and a detailed description of the Finnish case. However, I am not convinced that the individual parts sufficiently build on each other. Although the analysis of the Finish AML/CTF system looks into great detail, it is difficult to identify a systematic approach to the analysis. The concept of target-oriented approach does not function effectively as a framework for analysis.

Regarding the formal aspects, this dissertation is without flaws. It is stylistically clear, and the sources are correctly referenced.