

IMSIS Dissertation Feedback & Mark Sheet

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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>
Word Count Penalty (1 UofG grade point per 500 words below/above the min/max word limit +/- 10%) Word Count: 23162 Suggested Penalty: no penalty		

JOINT GRADING (subject to agreement of the external examiner and approval at Joint Exam Board)

Final Agreed Mark. (Following correspondence reviewers should list the agreed final internal grade taking before and after any penalties to be applied).

Before Penalty: A2 [21] **After Penalty:** A2 [21]

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>	Very Good
• <i>Coherent set of research questions and/or hypothesis identified</i>	Excellent
• <i>Appropriate methodology and evidence of effective organisation of work</i>	Excellent
• <i>Logically structured argument and flow of ideas reflecting research questions</i>	Excellent
• <i>Application of theory and/or concepts</i>	Very Good
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>	Very Good
• <i>Selection of relevant primary and/or secondary evidence to support argument</i>	Very 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>	Very Good
• <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
• <i>Appropriate word count</i>	Yes

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ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Reviewer 1

This is an excellent dissertation on an important topic, with well-defined research questions. It is written very well and clearly (with only very minor grammatical issues), and provides a well-researched insight into the issues at hand. The author recognises the strengths and limitations of the theoretical approaches of securitisation and human security as they apply to the research questions, and justifies their choices sufficiently. The tables and charts included in the dissertation were helpful. The conclusion is strong; however, I would have liked to see some further discussion of the central findings.

Like Reviewer 2, I concur that this dissertation could be adapted for publication. However, there is a substantial lack of referencing in a number of sections which should be addressed. The bibliography also requires some formatting.

Reviewer 2

The reviewed dissertation is an excellent piece of research. It is timely and well-researched. It is logically structured, well-written, and innovative. It presents clear research questions that are analytically addressed throughout the text. It is guided by two theoretical approaches - of securitization and human security - that are adequate and spot-on with regard to the researched phenomenon. It draws on good knowledge of the literature. It is based on a sound use of methods and is factually accurate.

My only criticism relates to the use of literature that contains to references to Russian and local knowledge resources which might skew the findings.

Other than that, I consider the dissertation one of the strongest, both in terms of empirical data and formal organization. I suggest the author publishes his or her findings in a peer-reviewed journal as it would be a shame not to publicize this important research.