

Annex 1 – Template Dissertation Report EPS



Joint Dissertation Review

Name of the student:	Suzanne Groenewoud
Title of the thesis:	Alliance with the Dragons? Greece and Portugal's re-orientation towards China after the sovereign debt crisis.
Reviewer:	Caterina garcia Segura

1. KNOWLEDGE AND CONNECTION TO THE FIELD

(relevance of the research question, research objective, literature review):

The topic of this dissertation is both relevant and topical, as it combines the impact of the rise of China, a central, pervasive and transversal issue in international relations, with intra-EU relations or, in other words, the issue of internal EU cohesion after the economic crisis.

The research question is pertinent, the hypotheses are well formulated and the author demonstrates a good knowledge of the general literature and the chosen case studies.

The theoretical framework and contextual framework are well constructed.

2. ANALYSIS

(methodology, argument, theoretical backing, appropriate work with sources):

The thesis highlights the author's analytical skills. The thesis actually applies the theoretical framework and does it correctly.

The comparative method allows her to establish the factors that explain the changes or continuities in the Greek and Portuguese foreign policies, after their rapprochement with China or after the strengthening of their relationship with China to face the sovereign debt crisis.

The sources used are relevant and are those that can be expected from a work of this nature, which obviously did not involve a field study that could have included direct interviews with Greek or Portuguese politicians.

3. CONCLUSIONS

(persuasiveness, link between data and conclusions, achievement of research objectives):

The conclusions are relevant, they answer the research question. They are straightforward and well formulated. The author achieves the objective stated at the beginning of her work.

4. FORMAL ASPECTS AND LANGUAGE


(appropriate language, adherence to academic standards, citation style, layout):

The formal aspects of the thesis are very well taken care of. The writing is clear and direct. The language is appropriate and precise. Citations and references meet the required standards. The formal aspects as a whole show academic rigor.

5. SUMMARY ASSESSMENT

(strong and weak point of the dissertation, other issues)

I consider that the work presented by Suzanne Groenewoud more than meets the requirements and demands of a TFM. It presents an academically and politically relevant topic. It poses the research questions and hypotheses well. It answers the questions adequately. Demonstrates a high command of the literature. In short, it shows the research capacity of the author.

Grade (A-F)	A (9)
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