

## Annex 1 – Template Dissertation Report EPS



### Joint Dissertation Review

Name of the student:	Damian Kramer
Title of the thesis:	The Emperor without Clothes. Explaining the Choice for a Flexible Solidarity Mechanism Proposed in the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation
Reviewer:	Irina Ciornei

#### 1. KNOWLEDGE AND CONNECTION TO THE FIELD

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

“The emperor without clothes..” discusses the choice of flexible solidarity employed by the EC in order to manage asylum across the territory of the Union. The topic is extremely timely since migration and asylum are top issues on MS political agendas and some of the most frequent debate topics among MS. The thesis makes an excellent literature review and rightly identifies the shortcomings of present approaches. The student proposes an original model that is based on various literature streams in order to better understand recent changes in the field of asylum in the EU.

#### 2. ANALYSIS

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

The student rightly uses qualitative methodology and employs case study research in order to answer the research question. The methodology used is appropriate for the research question. The student makes extensive use of existing literature and wittily identifies the shortcomings.

#### 3. CONCLUSIONS

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

This is an excellent thesis that approaches a timely research question (How can we explain the latest changes in asylum policy-making in the EU?) and that thoroughly uses existing literature in order to address it. The student combines several theoretical approaches from policy studies, law and institutionalism in order to address the research question and formulate original hypotheses.

#### 4. FORMAL ASPECTS AND LANGUAGE

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

Very good writing and formal aspect.

#### 5. SUMMARY ASSESSMENT

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

This is an excellent thesis that thoroughly examines why the EC chooses an apparently puzzling mechanism in order to approach asylum policy-making in the EU. It makes an extensive use of existing literature and data and advances bold and well-funded conclusions. I can only congratulate the student for such an achievement.

Grade (A-F)	A
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